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SOLUTIONS LLC,
Defendants

AND

JENKINS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES,
Third-Party Defendant

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13			12	behalf of all other similarly situated, versus Hilco
14			13	Development [sic] LLC, HRE Crawford LLC, HRP
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16			15	Controlled Demolition, Incorporated, and Marine
17			16	Technology Solutions LLC, pending in the United
18			17	States District Court for the Northern District of
19			18	Illinois Eastern Division, number 20-CV-2348. Will
20			19	everyone but the witness please state your
21			20	appearance, how you are attending, and the location
22			21	you are attending from, starting with Plaintiff's
23			22	counsel?
24			23	MS. HAMILTON: This is Danielle Hamilton on
25			24	behalf of the plaintiffs. I'm attending via Zoom
			25	from Chicago, Illinois.

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1 MR. DRISCOLL: My name is Sean Driscoll. I'm
 2 representing the Ramirez Mercado Plaintiff Group,
 3 represented by Clifford Law Offices and Driscoll Law
 4 Group, and I am attending via Zoom from Glen Ellyn,
 5 Illinois.

6 MS. WEISSMAN: Stephanie Weissman on behalf of
 7 the estate of Fernando Cantu Hinojosa Jr., attending
 8 from Chicago, Illinois.

9 MS. COTTER: This is Carrie Cotter, also
 10 attending on behalf of the estate of Fernando Cantu
 11 Hinojosa, Jr. Also via Zoom in Chicago, Illinois.

12 MR. RICE: Andrew Rice on behalf of Controlled
 13 Demolition Inc. And I'm appearing in my office in
 14 Chicago, Illinois.

15 MR. DEVRIES: Edward DeVries for defendant MCM
 16 Management. I'm attending from Wilson Elser's
 17 office at 233 East 84th Drive in Merrillville,
 18 Indiana.

19 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith for the Hilco
 20 defendants attending on behalf of -- in Kirkland &
 21 Ellis attending via Zoom and from Chicago, Illinois.

22 MR. LYMAN: Good morning. Tom Lyman on behalf
 23 of Marine Technologies attending from my second
 24 office, luckily in Florida. Sorry about that,
 25 everyone.

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1 MR. BERIBAK: John Beribak. I represent the
 2 third party defendant, Jenkins Environmental
 3 Incorporated, and the cases filed in Cook County and
 4 I'm in Chicago, Illinois.

5 COURT REPORTER: All right. And then
 6 Mr. Zukowski, will you please state your full name
 7 for the record.

8 THE WITNESS: Raymond Daniel Zukowski.

9 COURT REPORTER: And go ahead and hold your ID
 10 up to the camera for me. Okay. Perfect. Do all
 11 parties agree that the witness is in fact Mr.
 12 Raymond Zukowski?

13 MR. DRISCOLL: Yeah.

14 MR. RICE: Yes.

15 MS. WEISSMAN: Yes.

16 MR. BERIBAK: Yes.

17 MR. SMITH: Yes.

18 MR. DEVRIES: Yes.

19 COURT REPORTER: All right. Mr. Zukowski, go
 20 ahead and raise your right hand for me. Do you
 21 solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony you're
 22 about to give will be the truth, the whole truth,
 23 and nothing but the truth?

24 THE WITNESS: I do.

25 COURT REPORTER: All right. You may begin.

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1 DIRECT EXAMINATION

2 BY MS. HAMILTON:

3 Q Good morning, Mr. Zukowski.

4 A Good morning.

5 Q As I mentioned, my name is Danielle Hamilton.

6 I'll be the first person asking you questions today. I
 7 want to go over just some rules of the deposition. I'm
 8 not sure if you've been deposed before or if you -- how
 9 long it's been since you've been deposed, if you have
 10 been. So I'm going to ask you questions today and you
 11 will give answers under oath just as if you were in a
 12 courtroom. Do you understand that?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Okay. If you don't understand the question,
 15 please ask. I'm happy to rephrase any questions. If
 16 you answer the question, I will assume you understood
 17 it. Do you understand that?

18 A Yes, I do.

19 Q Okay. Please give verbal answers, so the
 20 court reporter can take down, you know, yes and no and
 21 not uh-huh or uh-huh or shaking of the head or anything
 22 like that. Do you understand that?

23 A Yes.

24 Q If you need a break at any time, please let me
 25 know. I'm happy to take a break. I just ask you that

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1 you answer the question pending before you take that
 2 break. Do you understand that?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Is there any reason you can't provide complete
 5 and accurate answers to my questions today?

6 A No.

7 Q Okay. Do you have any conditions that might
 8 affect your memory?

9 A No.

10 Q And are you taking any medication that might
 11 affect your memory?

12 A No.

13 Q Okay. Did you prepare for your deposition
 14 today?

15 A Yes.

16 Q How did you prepare for your deposition?

17 MR. RICE: Well, I'm going to object on that.
 18 I think you're going to ask him certain questions
 19 about what he reviewed and time, but I don't know if
 20 you can go into details about how he prepared but go
 21 ahead.

22 MS. HAMILTON: What -- is there objection
 23 there?

24 MR. RICE: Privilege. Yes.

25 BY MS. HAMILTON:

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1 Q Well, I'm not asking you about privilege
 2 conversations you've had with your counsel. I'm asking
 3 you how you prepared to -- for the deposition today.
 4 So, you know, please don't reveal any privilege
 5 communications, but please answer the question.

6 A I simply reviewed the documents in the file.
 7 It's been a while. Just the -- the job was not -- you
 8 know, not yesterday, as we all know. So just wanted to
 9 catch up.

10 MR. RICE: I think we may have lost Danielle
 11 accidentally.

12 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Well, she froze on my
 13 screen.

14 MR. RICE: Yeah.

15 COURT REPORTER: Let me take us off the record
 16 real quick. All right. We're going off the record
 17 at 11:14 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

18 (OFF THE RECORD)

19 COURT REPORTER: We are back on the record.
 20 The time is 11:14 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. You
 21 may continue.

22 BY MS. HAMILTON:

23 Q Sorry, I don't know if you heard my last
 24 question. It was: when you say you reviewed documents
 25 in the file, what file are you referring to?

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1 A My file of the job.

2 Q And when did you last review your file of the
 3 job?

4 A This morning.

5 Q And did you review it at any other time other
 6 than this morning?

7 A Yes.

8 Q When did you do that?

9 A Numerous times since this all started.

10 Q And so is this your own personal file of the
 11 Crawford job that you reviewed that -- prior to this
 12 deposition today?

13 A They're all -- they're all -- they're all
 14 company documents. I just print some out when needed.

15 Q Do you know approximately how many pages the
 16 CDI file of the Crawford job is?

17 A No idea.

18 Q Is it hundreds of pages?

19 A Again, I've never counted.

20 Q Okay. Have you reviewed any deposition
 21 testimony in preparation for your deposition today?

22 A No.

23 Q Have you spoken with your attorney in
 24 preparation for your deposition today?

25 A Yes.

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1 Q When did you speak with your attorney to
 2 prepare for the deposition?

3 A This morning.

4 Q Did you speak with your attorney to prepare
 5 for the deposition any time other than this morning?

6 A We've spoken on numerous occasions. I would
 7 say it was specific to the deposition. It was just -- I
 8 guess they're all specific to the deposition because
 9 that's why we're here.

10 Q Okay. How long did is meeting this morning?

11 A An hour and 45 minutes maybe.

12 Q And then the other numerous occasions that
 13 you've spoken in preparation for your deposition, can
 14 you put an estimate on how many occasions you spoke with
 15 your attorney?

16 A I'd be guessing, but four or five.

17 Q And how long did those meetings last?

18 A Numerous or varying times. Sometimes there
 19 were, you know, ten- minute phone calls and sometimes we
 20 talk for an hour.

21 Q And did you review any documents, any of the
 22 meetings you had with your attorneys?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay. What documents did you review in those
 25 meetings?

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1 A The documents that had already been submitted.
 2 E-mails, drawings, plans.

3 Q When you say submitted, do you mean produced
 4 in the case?

5 A I believe so.

6 Q The documents that you reviewed that have been
 7 produced in this case, is that the same or different
 8 than your -- than the CDI file of the job?

9 A Our documents would be the same.

10 Q So when you say you reviewed the CDI file of
 11 the job, you reviewed the CDI production produced in the
 12 federal case, correct?

13 A No. I -- I -- again, there's -- I have not
 14 seen the entire document that was submitted to anybody.
 15 I -- you know, I was involved with the job, so I got up
 16 to speed with, you know, things that I -- I was involved
 17 in -- in this submission.

18 Q Okay. Have you spoken with any other person
 19 about the substance of your deposition other than your
 20 attorneys?

21 A Just to my boss.

22 Q Who's your boss?

23 A Mark Loizeaux.

24 Q And when did you speak to Mr. Loizeaux about
 25 your deposition?

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 A I think the last time -- well, we bumped into 2 each other this morning in the hallway, but he just 3 asked me if I was ready for the meeting today and I said 4 yes.</p> <p>5 Q Did you speak with him any other time about 6 your deposition other than this morning?</p> <p>7 A I'm sure we have. I mean, he's being deposed 8 shortly after I am, I believe, so how many times? I'd 9 be guessing.</p> <p>10 Q Did you and Mark talk about the substance of 11 your deposition?</p> <p>12 A Define substance.</p> <p>13 Q About any of the questions or answers that you 14 would be providing today?</p> <p>15 A No. Just -- just talked about the job and 16 what was done.</p> <p>17 Q Have you spoken to Tom Doud about the -- about 18 your deposition today?</p> <p>19 A No.</p> <p>20 Q Did you do anything else to prepare other than 21 what you testified to?</p> <p>22 A No.</p> <p>23 Q And Mr. Zukowski, are you currently employed?</p> <p>24 A Yes.</p> <p>25 Q And where are you employed?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 Q Okay. When was CDI founded?</p> <p>2 A You'd have to ask Mark the exact date. I'd 3 have to look it up.</p> <p>4 Q Do you know the year?</p> <p>5 A I believe it was incorporated in '60 6 something.</p> <p>7 Q And what is your -- what was your position at 8 CDI when you started in 1996?</p> <p>9 A I was an estimator and project manager.</p> <p>10 Q What are the responsibilities of an estimator 11 and project manager?</p> <p>12 A To go bid the jobs when they come in and run 13 them after you get them.</p> <p>14 Q I'm sorry, I didn't hear your answer. And run 15 them what?</p> <p>16 A Run them after -- if you get the job, then 17 you're responsible for running it. The overall 18 management of the job.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. And how long were you an estimator and 20 project manager for 21 CDI?</p> <p>22 A I still am. It's what I do every day.</p> <p>23 Q Have you had held any other positions at CDI 24 other than estimator or project manager?</p> <p>25 A Yes. I was promoted to field operations</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 A Controlled Demolition Incorporated.</p> <p>2 Q And how long have you been employed at 3 Controlled Demolition Incorporated?</p> <p>4 A I started here in 1996, 27 years ago.</p> <p>5 Q That's very quick math. Prior to CDI, what 6 was your employment?</p> <p>7 A I worked for a demolition company out of 8 Syracuse, New York.</p> <p>9 Q How long did you work for that company out of 10 Syracuse?</p> <p>11 A About seven years.</p> <p>12 Q And before that, what was your employment?</p> <p>13 A I was in school.</p> <p>14 Q Were you in college?</p> <p>15 A Yes.</p> <p>16 Q Where did you go to college?</p> <p>17 A Syracuse University.</p> <p>18 Q And did you graduate from Syracuse?</p> <p>19 A Yes. I -- I graduated from their satellite 20 school in Utica, New York, but it's a -- it was a 21 Syracuse diploma.</p> <p>22 Q Sure. What was your degree in?</p> <p>23 A Construction Management.</p> <p>24 Q And have you done any postgraduate education?</p> <p>25 A No.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 25</p> <p>1 manager and now I am the vice president.</p> <p>2 Q How long were you fields operations manager?</p> <p>3 A Probably ten years.</p> <p>4 Q And what are the responsibilities of a field 5 operations manager?</p> <p>6 A Just make sure all the jobs are running on 7 schedule and on budget and coordinate --</p> <p>8 Q And what do you --</p> <p>9 A -- coordinate all crews. You know, we're not 10 a very big company, so it's -- you know, it sounds 11 bigger than it is.</p> <p>12 Q Do you know how many employees are at CDI 13 today?</p> <p>14 A If we're currently including office and field, 15 we have 13 -- 14 people.</p> <p>16 Q And back in April of 2020, did you have 14 17 people?</p> <p>18 A No, I think we -- we had a few more. We had a 19 couple of the field guys leave us since COVID.</p> <p>20 Q When were you promoted to vice president?</p> <p>21 A Five years ago or -- no, 2016. So six, seven 22 years.</p> <p>23 Q And what are your responsibilities as vice 24 president of CDI?</p> <p>25 A Same as they always were. Get the -- find the</p>

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1 jobs, bid the jobs, run the jobs, review the contracts,
 2 make sure everything is on time and under budget.

3 Q Have you worked with MCM in your capacity as
 4 an employee of CDI before April of 2020?

5 A Yes.

6 Q How many times have you worked with them?

7 A I'd have to check the dates. Again, you know,
 8 27 years of doing dozens and dozens of jobs over the
 9 years, they kind of run together after a while. The --
 10 the -- the last one we did was the Beckjord Power
 11 Station. Before then, I believe that was before
 12 Crawford. Yes. Yes, it was. Then, we worked at -- did
 13 a bunch of work for them down in Bethlehem Steel here in
 14 Baltimore and they were in charge of clearing that site.
 15 We do some blasting for them down there.

16 Q Do you know when the Beckjord project was?

17 A I'd have to look it up, but I -- I believe
 18 shortly before this.

19 Q Shortly before the Crawford project?

20 A Yes.

21 Q So shortly before April of 2020?

22 A I think so. I can look it up now if you need
 23 -- need me to.

24 Q Go ahead. Sure. Why don't you look it up?

25 A Give me one second. Yeah. Sorry.

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1 Q Okay.

2 A No, it was after -- I'm sorry, but the actual
 3 shot date was May 8th of '20.

4 Q Okay.

5 A But it was -- just because that -- it was shot
 6 in May doesn't mean that's the first time I was there.
 7 There was a review of the project, meetings, stuff like
 8 that. So it was probably almost concurrent with this
 9 then.

10 Q I forgot to ask you, do you have any physical
 11 hard copy documents with you today for the deposition?

12 A I've got sticky notes just to write down some
 13 times. Again, I don't remember what you sent. I got
 14 the documents that you sent via LinkedIn or whatever.
 15 Sorry.

16 MR. RICE: I believe those are the exhibits
 17 that you sent.

18 THE WITNESS: Yes. Yes. Thank you.

19 Q What do your sticky notes say?

20 A One has your name on it and the other one has
 21 just the timeline, you know, of the job, shot date when
 22 I first visited.

23 Q Can you read the sticky note that has the
 24 timeline on it?

25 A Yep. It says fall 2019 and it says December

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1 2019 first visit and then it says shot 11 -- 4-11-20,
 2 8:00 a.m. \$81,920 and 378 feet tall.

3 Q And is the money figure the cost of the
 4 Crawford job?

5 A Yes, that was our contract.

6 Q Okay. Has Mark always been the president of
 7 CDI since you've been working there?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Okay. So what services does CDI provide?

10 A We are a explosives demolition subcontractor.

11 Q Does CDI provide demolition services that
 12 don't use explosives?

13 A Not anymore, no.

14 Q Did CDI ever provide that?

15 A Yes.

16 Q When did they stop providing demolition
 17 services that didn't involve the use of explosives?

18 A Our last project that we did that we were not
 19 using explosives was six or seven years ago and we just
 20 -- and -- and we were just the main -- we were the main
 21 contractor, but I only had one person on the job. We
 22 subcontracted the whole work out, so --

23 Q Do you know why CDI stopped providing
 24 demolition services that didn't use explosives?

25 A There's too much competition out there. I

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1 mean, we're -- we're -- we're really good at what we do
 2 and so that's -- that's the path we've decided to stick
 3 to and there's -- there's so much competition out there.
 4 It's -- it's incredibly hard to be competitive.

5 Q Okay. What is involved in providing explosive
 6 demolition services?

7 A That's kind of vague from -- from from
 8 day one through the shot? I mean, how much -- what do
 9 you --

10 Q Yes.

11 A Day one if the phone call comes in or an e-
 12 mail comes in and says, "Would you like to bid this job?
 13 Can -- please have a number on it." And I'll look at the
 14 plans if they have them. If not, I'll go visit the
 15 site. I'll bid the job. If we're successful, I'll go
 16 to the job again. I'll review the subcontracts. All
 17 subcontracts come through me with my final approval from
 18 Mark. And then once the paper's in place, I'm in --
 19 it's my job that I'm physically going to do. I'll order
 20 the explosives. I'll do all of the liaison with the
 21 client and their client if need be and make sure the job
 22 is prepared for spec and then once it's time, I'll --
 23 I'll go down and be in charge of the -- loading of the
 24 explosives.

25 Q When you say make sure the job is ready for

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1 spec, what does that mean?

2 A No. Per spec. That -- that -- that -- what's
 3 been prepared -- that -- that it's been prepared. The
 4 structure's been prepared to -- per our -- per our
 5 design. You just don't -- buildings just don't fall
 6 down or chimneys just don't fall down. You have to make
 7 them fall down. There's a lot of work that has to go
 8 into it prior to explosives arriving. So our -- our
 9 superintendents are in charge of that to make sure that
 10 our client gets the building ready or the structure
 11 ready. And once we all agree and it's ready, then we'll
 12 put it on the ground.

13 Q And do you or someone at CDI design how to get
 14 the building ready for demolition?

15 A Yes.

16 Q As for your demolition projects that you bid
 17 and the bid is accepted, do you provide Community
 18 Outreach services?

19 A When asked, yes.

20 Q And when asked by the contractor, the person
 21 you're contracting with?

22 A Correct.

23 Q And have you provided Community Outreach
 24 services before as part of your demolition projects?

25 A Yes.

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1 the building owners about their air conditioning systems
 2 and you know, stuff like that. You know, if you're
 3 closing down city streets for three or four blocks
 4 around the structure, people ought to know, so you just
 5 talk them through the process.

6 Q When do you normally talk to adjacent
 7 businesses or buildings -- people in buildings?

8 A Again, it's all -- it's all project specific.
 9 If -- if -- if you start too early, then -- then it's not
 10 not as effective. But if you start too late, it's not
 11 effective at all either. There's a -- it -- it's a
 12 learned experience over decades of doing this that you,
 13 "Okay. This is -- you know, my clients has -- the
 14 neighbors are A, B, and C, but A's needs are way more
 15 -- his needs are much larger than B's needs and C's
 16 needs." So it -- it's -- you got to have -- have time
 17 for them, time to prepare and, you know, you need to
 18 have time to respond to the questions, so there's no --
 19 there's no formula. It's all -- you know, it's a
 20 learned experience after years of doing it.

21 Q Do you have a checklist of any kind when you
 22 do Community Outreach for demolition projects? So Just
 23 things to make sure that you do as a part of your
 24 community outreach?

25 A No, there's no checklist. No.

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1 Q And what do those Community Outreach services
 2 entail?

3 A Well, it depends on the project. If you're
 4 doing a -- a building in downtown Chicago, those
 5 outreach are going to be a lot different than if
 6 you're doing a -- you know, a -- a power plant in the
 7 middle of nowhere. So they're not -- there's no set
 8 community outreach. It's all job specific.

9 Q Have you provided Community Outreach for any
 10 jobs in the City of Chicago?

11 A Personally, no.

12 Q To your knowledge, has CDI provided any
 13 Community Outreach for any jobs in Chicago?

14 A Probably without -- without looking into the
 15 file, but I'm sure the -- the housing projects that we
 16 did had the Community Outreach aspect to it.

17 Q And when were those housing projects?

18 A Late '90s.

19 Q And can you tell me what -- understanding that
 20 depends on the job, if you were doing a job in a major
 21 city, what Community Outreach do you typically do?

22 A Again, it's -- it depends on where the
 23 structure is and what's around it more importantly. You
 24 know, if it's in a downtown environment, do you have to
 25 evacuate businesses? Do you have to, you know, talk to

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1 MR. RICE: Just a note, Ray, wait until she's
 2 done asking the question.

3 THE WITNESS: Okay. Sorry.

4 MR. RICE: If you talk before --
 5 BY MS. HAMILTON:

6 Q Sorry. I didn't mention that earlier, but
 7 just to make sure the court reporter can take down both
 8 of us. He'll just let me finish my question, even if
 9 you know where I'm going and if there are any
 10 objections, you know, counsel will make that and then
 11 you can answer.

12 A Understood.

13 Q When CDI has been contracted to provide
 14 demolition services, does the company normally handle
 15 getting blasting permits?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And who typically handles that at CDI?

18 A Carol Groft, G-R-O-F-T.

19 Q And what is Carol Groft's position at CDI?

20 A She is Mark's executive assistant/holds us all
 21 together.

22 Q And are you aware of the process that
 23 Ms. Groft goes through to get blasting permits?

24 A Yes.

25 Q What is that process?

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1 A You start at the -- you start at the high
 2 level, the federal, which we have ATF, then you go to
 3 the state, depending on which state you're in, they'll
 4 have or they may or may not, excuse me, have a blasting
 5 permit or a license that's required. And then after
 6 that, you go to the local county. Some counties do, some
 7 counties don't. And then you go to the actual city or
 8 town that you're in. So you have to -- there's the --
 9 believe it or not, the -- there's -- there's no set
 10 blasting license. They're all different all over the
 11 country and all over the world. You think it would be
 12 more streamlined and, you know, coherent, but it's not.
 13 Chicago, for example, has a city blasting license. The
 14 state has a -- and Illinois has a state license, and
 15 obviously the federal has federal, but that's Chicago.
 16 Well, you go to the next town over, they might not have
 17 a city requirement. So she has to do all the research
 18 from, you know, top down, make sure all, you know, T's
 19 are crossed and I's are dotted. You know, no one gets
 20 overlooked.

21 Q When CDI did projects in Chicago prior to
 22 April of 2020, did CDI obtain the blasting permit?

23 A I was -- yes, but I wasn't specifically in
 24 charge of any of those previous projects, but that's
 25 what we do.

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1 Q And when CDI is contracted to provide
 2 demolition services, does CDI provide any dust
 3 mitigation plans or measures?

4 A No.

5 Q I'm sorry?

6 A Sorry. Sorry. Sorry. No.

7 Q Has CDI ever been contracted to provide dust
 8 mitigation measures or services as a part of its
 9 demolition services?

10 A No, not specifically. Have we been involved
 11 in projects where we involved with the clean-up of the
 12 dust, yes, but that's -- that's a business that we no --
 13 no longer perform.

14 Q When did CDI stop performing that business?

15 A Again, same time on as before when we got out
 16 of the main demotion contractor business.

17 Q And why did CDI stop performing that business
 18 of dust clean-up?

19 A We're -- we're much smaller. We seem to get
 20 smaller every year. Focus on what you do and there's
 21 plenty of qualified people out there to prepare
 22 buildings and clean them up after they're shot, so --

23 Q Do you play any role in working with other
 24 companies to prepare buildings for demolition and clean
 25 up afterwards?

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1 MR. RICE: I'm going to object for vagueness,
 2 but if you understand the question, Ray, go ahead.
 3 A The answer is no. We only prepare buildings
 4 for us and no one else.

5 Q So let's turn now to this Crawford job. When
 6 did CDI first submit a proposal for the Crawford
 7 project?

8 A Their original proposals went out in 2015.

9 Q And who did that proposal go to?

10 A I'd have to look up, but there was probably
 11 half a dozen bidders that contacted us back then.

12 Q And did you write the proposal that went out
 13 in 2015?

14 A I believe so.

15 Q And what was the result of the -- that
 16 proposal?

17 A That proposal was for boiler 7, boiler 8, and
 18 the chimney associated with Unit 8. But that was a -- a
 19 different -- nothing -- to answer your question, nothing
 20 became of that proposal. The property was sold
 21 afterwards and here we are today.

22 Q Is there a difference between submitting a
 23 proposal and bidding on a project?

24 A No.

25 Q So you bid on the pro -- on Crawford in 2015

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1 and that bid was not accepted, correct?

2 A The job was -- wasn't accepted because that
 3 version of the project never happened. When it was put
 4 out to bid in 2015, it was still owned by the previous
 5 owner, the power plant itself. I can't -- I don't
 6 remember what the -- the group's name was, but they --
 7 instead of tearing down the plant themselves, they sold
 8 the property to Hilco. Hilco decided to take it over
 9 from there. And that's when it came back around, MCM
 10 asked us for numbers to find the boilers and the
 11 chimney, but eventually, we just felled the chimney.

12 Q Okay. So when did you first get in contact
 13 with MCM about the Crawford project?

14 A I think they contacted us late '19, probably.
 15 Early 2020.

16 Q And who contacted you from MCM?

17 A Eric -- Eric Dovas.

18 Q And when he contacted you, what did he say?

19 A I'd have to reread the e-mail. Been a while.
 20 Just asking for a number, I'm sure.

21 Q And when you say asking for a number, you mean
 22 asking for a budget for demolition services?

23 A Yes. A price for us to do the blast.

24 Q And when you and Mr. Dovas spoke about a price
 25 for the blast, did you know what he was asking to be

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 38</p> <p>1 blasted?</p> <p>2 MR. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>3 A Yeah, it was -- sorry. It was the same --</p> <p>4 same scope as before. Unit 7 and Unit 8 and the Unit 8</p> <p>5 chimney.</p> <p>6 Q And did you submit a proposal to MCM for the</p> <p>7 blasting of Unit 7, Unit 8, and Unit 8 chimney?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q When did you submit that proposal?</p> <p>10 A I'd have -- I'd have to look it up.</p> <p>11 Q Let's look at an Exhibit I'll mark as Exhibit</p> <p>12 1. Lindsay, would you mind pulling up what has one --</p> <p>13 the number 158 in front of it?</p> <p>14 (EXHIBIT 1 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)</p> <p>15 COURT REPORTER: Yeah. Give me just one</p> <p>16 second. You said 158?</p> <p>17 MS. HAMILTON: Yes.</p> <p>18 COURT REPORTER: Okay.</p> <p>19 MR. RICE: Ray, do you have that for -- can you</p> <p>20 pull up 158, as well? Unless -- are you sharing</p> <p>21 that, Danielle? I'm not sure how we're doing this.</p> <p>22 COURT REPORTER: I'm going to share my screen.</p> <p>23 MS. HAMILTON: Lindsay's going to share it so</p> <p>24 he doesn't need to pull it up and so --</p> <p>25 MR. RICE: Thanks. I appreciate that. Thank</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 40</p> <p>1 A There's just -- there's just too many.</p> <p>2 Hundreds and hundreds a year, so --</p> <p>3 Q Understood. Did you write this proposal, this</p> <p>4 October 20 -- 22, 2019 proposal to MCM?</p> <p>5 A You'll have to go to the signature. Most</p> <p>6 likely.</p> <p>7 MS. HAMILTON: Can you scroll down to the next</p> <p>8 page?</p> <p>9 A It'd be page 2 or 3 probably. Yep. No, Tom</p> <p>10 did. I'm sorry. Okay. That's why. Look.</p> <p>11 Q And who is Tom?</p> <p>12 A Tom's our field operations manager.</p> <p>13 Q And were you aware that Tom sent out this</p> <p>14 October 22, 2019 proposal?</p> <p>15 A Sure I was.</p> <p>16 Q Did you play any role in coming up with this</p> <p>17 proposal with Tom?</p> <p>18 A Yeah, I believe I did the estimate. We all</p> <p>19 wear many hats in this office. I'm vice president, but</p> <p>20 I'm also an estimator. Tom's operations manager, he's</p> <p>21 also an estimator. You know, we're all project</p> <p>22 managers. We all order explosives. We all handle the</p> <p>23 explosives. There's no specific job duty. So I might</p> <p>24 have been out of the office that day and Eric needed</p> <p>25 proposals, so Tom sent them out. But nothing goes out</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 39</p> <p>1 you.</p> <p>2 MS. HAMILTON: No problem.</p> <p>3 COURT REPORTER: Can you see that?</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>5 MS. HAMILTON: Yes. So yeah. Let me get the</p> <p>6 Bates stamp. So this is Exhibit 1, Bates stamped</p> <p>7 MCM Solis 004309 through -- can you go to the last</p> <p>8 page?</p> <p>9 COURT REPORTER: Yeah.</p> <p>10 MS. HAMILTON: At the very bottom so I can just</p> <p>11 mark the Bates stamp. Through MCM Solis 000 --</p> <p>12 0004316.</p> <p>13 BY MS. HAMILTON:</p> <p>14 Q So Mr. Zukowski, is this the first proposal</p> <p>15 that you submitted to</p> <p>16 MCM?</p> <p>17 A I'd have to look it up.</p> <p>18 Q What do you mean?</p> <p>19 A I'd have to pull a file. Again, in 2015, we</p> <p>20 sent half a dozen proposals to half a dozen contractors.</p> <p>21 And, you know, I -- I send out, you know, sometimes one</p> <p>22 time, sometimes six proposals a week so -- but without</p> <p>23 actually pulling the file, there's no way to see if I</p> <p>24 sent something before this.</p> <p>25 Q Okay.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 41</p> <p>1 without anybody else knowing about it.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. This proposal was, according to this</p> <p>3 document, accepted by Eric Dovas on November 15, 2019,</p> <p>4 correct?</p> <p>5 A Yes.</p> <p>6 Q And do you know what happened after this</p> <p>7 proposal was accepted?</p> <p>8 A Subcontract would've came shortly thereafter.</p> <p>9 I know I first visited -- so right after he accepted it</p> <p>10 was our first visit to the site. That's from that little</p> <p>11 sticky note I had. Again, we're offered drawings of</p> <p>12 everything, but, you know, once it's -- if we've never</p> <p>13 visited the site, we have to go visit the site to verify</p> <p>14 that the dimensions on the drawings are actually</p> <p>15 correct. So my first visit after it was signed was to</p> <p>16 verify that. Then I would come back with the data and</p> <p>17 then we would design the shot back here.</p> <p>18 Q And you went to the site for the first time in</p> <p>19 December of 2019, you said?</p> <p>20 A Yeah, I think it was December 11th.</p> <p>21 MS. HAMILTON: Okay. And can you pull up 393,</p> <p>22 please, Lindsay.</p> <p>23 Q I'm showing you Exhibit 2, which is Bates</p> <p>24 stamped MCM Solis 5435 through 5444. And this is a</p> <p>25 December 19, 2019 CDI proposal to Eric Dovas, correct?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 42</p> <p>1 (EXHIBIT 2 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)</p> <p>2 A I knew I'd get my number on the boilers. It 3 was just when. If you read it "based on our recent 4 conversations, review the information you furnished and 5 my recent site visit."</p> <p>6 Q So --</p> <p>7 A Yes.</p> <p>8 Q Okay.</p> <p>9 MS. HAMILTON: And then if you'll go to the 10 second page, please, Lindsay?</p> <p>11 COURT REPORTER: Yep.</p> <p>12 MS. HAMILTON: Actually, the third page, sorry.</p> <p>13 BY MS. HAMILTON:</p> <p>14 Q And so this contract -- this proposal was 15 signed by you, correct?</p> <p>16 A Yes.</p> <p>17 Q And is there a reason why you sent a second -- 18 or another proposal after the October 22, 2019 proposal 19 to Eric Dovas at MCM?</p> <p>20 A Yes, because they asked us for a proposal.</p> <p>21 Q So after the October 22, 2019 proposal was 22 accepted, they asked for another proposal?</p> <p>23 A Yes.</p> <p>24 Q And did this proposal differ in any way from 25 the October 22, 2019 proposal?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 44</p> <p>1 1 mitigation measures?</p> <p>2 MR. DEVRIES: Object to the relevance that it's 3 about work that CDI didn't even do.</p> <p>4 Q You can answer.</p> <p>5 A Dust, by contract, is excluded -- dust 6 clean-up by contract is excluded from CDI's scope of 7 work.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. After this -- was this 9 December 22, 2019 -- I'm sorry, December 2019 proposal 10 accepted by MCM?</p> <p>11 A No.</p> <p>12 Q Did you say no?</p> <p>13 A No. Was not accepted.</p> <p>14 Q Do you have any understanding as to why it 15 wasn't accepted?</p> <p>16 MR. RICE: Object to --</p> <p>17 MR. DEVRIES: Object to foundation.</p> <p>18 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, who just made those 19 objections?</p> <p>20 MR. DEVRIES: That's Edward DeVries for MCM 21 objecting to foundation.</p> <p>22 MR. RICE: Andrew Rice, CDI, for speculation.</p> <p>23 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith for Hilco joins both 24 objections.</p> <p>25 BY MS. HAMILTON:</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 43</p> <p>1 A Yes. The first proposal was just for the 2 chimney itself, and this was for the boilers.</p> <p>3 Q So the December 19, 2019 proposal proposed to 4 blast more -- the more buildings, then, than the October 5 22, 2019 proposal?</p> <p>6 A Yeah, the --</p> <p>7 MR. DEVRIES: Object to form.</p> <p>8 A -- the December proposal, they -- they -- they 9 were getting ready to eventually wreck the boilers, and 10 they wanted to see if it would be cheaper to do it using 11 our services. And they decided to self-perform the 12 boiler demolition.</p> <p>13 Q What does it mean that MCM -- you said they 14 decided to self- perform the boiler demolition? What 15 does that mean?</p> <p>16 A Yes, they -- and they did it without using 17 explosives. The boilers were wrecked using their heavy 18 equipment.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. Did you play any role in demolishing 20 the boilers?</p> <p>21 A No.</p> <p>22 Q In this December 20 -- December 2019 proposal, 23 did you propose to perform any dust mitigation measures?</p> <p>24 A No.</p> <p>25 Q Did you propose that MCM perform any dust</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 45</p> <p>1 Q You can answer.</p> <p>2 A What was the question again, please?</p> <p>3 Q Do you have any understanding as to why this 4 December 2019 proposal was not accepted by MCM?</p> <p>5 A No.</p> <p>6 Q Did you have any conversations about why the 7 proposal wasn't accepted with MCM?</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>9 Q Okay.</p> <p>10 MS. HAMILTON: So you can take the exhibit 11 down. Thank you, Lindsay.</p> <p>12 Q So after this December 2019 proposal was not 13 accepted, when did you next hear from MCM related to the 14 Crawford project?</p> <p>15 A I'd have to look it up. All correspondence is 16 saved to the file, so there's an e-mail somewhere that 17 came in.</p> <p>18 Q And what did that e-mail that came in say?</p> <p>19 A I -- hundreds of jobs. Years ago. I can't 20 remember every e-mail.</p> <p>21 Q Well, eventually, you were contracted to 22 provide demolition services for MCM, correct?</p> <p>23 A Correct.</p> <p>24 Q Do you know approximately when you were 25 contracted to do that?</p>

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1 A Again, I'd have to -- contracts come in, I
 2 review them, I make modifications, I send them back, the
 3 client reviews them, they either accept or they come
 4 counter offer -- counter corrections. Again, I'd have
 5 to look when the first subcontract came in versus the
 6 final executed date, so --

7 MS. HAMILTON: Okay. Lindsay, can you pull up
 8 159, please?

9 COURT REPORTER: Yep. Give me just a second.
 10 Q This is Exhibit 3. This is a Controlled
 11 Demolition Incorporated preliminary plan and procedure
 12 dated, or prepared, December 19, 2019, Bates stamped
 13 CTRL 1937 through 1943. Did you create this preliminary
 14 plan and procedure?

15 (EXHIBIT 3 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

16 A I believe so.

17 Q And was this submitted along with your bid in
 18 December of 2019?

19 A I'd have to check the timeline, but typically,
 20 it's submitted after.

21 Q So you -- typically, you submit a bid and then
 22 you submit a plan after the bid?

23 A Yeah, after they accept the project, because
 24 sometimes plans get submitted with proposals to -- to
 25 expedite things if it's, you know, if that's what the

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1 client requests. I -- I -- I don't know specifically if
 2 this went with or -- before or after.

3 MS. HAMILTON: Okay. And can you go to page 2,
 4 please, Lindsay?

5 Q So page 2 under introduction, the second
 6 paragraph reads, "CDI's explosive demolition methods
 7 will allow for a more efficient, time saving, and safer
 8 demolition operation as compared to conventional
 9 demolition methods." What are conventional mechanical
 10 demolition methods?

11 A As I said earlier that the use of heavy
 12 equipment and -- and men with torches. Excuse me.

13 Q And what makes CDI's explosives demolition
 14 method more efficient than conventional or mechanical
 15 demolition methods?

16 A Well, that -- that's structure specific. If --
 17 - if you're looking at a 370-foot-tall chimney, you
 18 could send guys up there on scaffolding and take it down
 19 bit by bit and brick by -- by brick over months on end.
 20 Or you could use our services and have it felled in --
 21 in six seconds after the explosives are detonated, so --
 22 it's certainly safer.

23 Q What makes explosive demolition safer?

24 A Well, again, there -- there's -- you have two
 25 options. Three, kind of. At 378 feet, the only way to

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1 get it down to where it could be reached with a high
 2 reach excavator or crane is to put men climbing the
 3 chimney and putting scaffolding around it, collar
 4 scaffolding, using handheld rivet busters and breaking
 5 it up in tiny little pieces and pushing all that debris
 6 down the base of the chimney. You know, previous
 7 experience on jobs where that's been done, they --
 8 they're lucky if they get five feet a day, you know, so
 9 divide 378 by five, that tells me how many days you have
 10 men in the air, you know, doing extremely hard physical
 11 labor, where you can accomplish the same end result with
 12 chimney on the ground in a matter of days by explosives.

13 Q And at this point in the December -- by
 14 December of 2019, did CDI offer conventional or
 15 mechanical demolition services?

16 A No.

17 Q Sorry. All right. When --

18 MS. HAMILTON: You can take this exhibit down.

19 Q When a building is demolished using explosive,
 20 what happens when the building hits the ground?

21 MR. RICE: I'm going to object for vagueness,
 22 but I guess if you can answer the question, Ray, go
 23 ahead. But that seems a little broad.

24 MR. SMITH: Hilco join.

25 MR. DEVRIES: Join.

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1 BY MS. HAMILTON:

2 Q You can answer.

3 A For this project, our -- our scope was to fell
 4 the chimney, the chimney was on the ground, we inspected
 5 it, made sure there was no property damage or no
 6 undetonated explosives. We issued the all clear. Then,
 7 by contract, our job was done.

8 MS. HAMILTON: Okay. Can we take a ten-minute
 9 break? I'm getting a phone call I need to answer.

10 COURT REPORTER: Yeah. Let me get us off the
 11 record. The current time is 12:02 p.m. Eastern
 12 Standard Time, and we are off the record.

13 (OFF THE RECORD)

14 COURT REPORTER: All right. We are back on the
 15 record for the deposition of Raymond Zukowski. The
 16 current time is 12:12 p.m. Eastern Standard time on
 17 February 6, 2023. You may continue.

18 BY MS. HAMILTON:

19 Q So when a building is demolished using
 20 explosives, is dust generated?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And where does the dust go after an -- a
 23 demolition using explosives?

24 MR. SMITH: Object to form.

25 MR. RICE: Join.

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 50</p> <p>1 MR. DEVRIES: Join.</p> <p>2 MR. RICE: You can still answer, Ray.</p> <p>3 A Well, dust is -- first off, dust is generated</p> <p>4 via any type of demolition. It's a unavoidable</p> <p>5 byproduct of demolition, whether it's done</p> <p>6 conventionally, manually, or via explosives. So it's</p> <p>7 just the -- the timeline of dust generation via</p> <p>8 explosives is shortened due to it's a one-time event.</p> <p>9 And where it goes, if -- if -- if I could predict that,</p> <p>10 I wouldn't be sitting in this chair. I'd -- I'd be a</p> <p>11 very wealthy weatherman somewhere because no one can</p> <p>12 predict the weather, which way -- where's the dust going</p> <p>13 to go, which way's the wind going to blow that day. You</p> <p>14 know, you got an idea in a long range forecast, but, you</p> <p>15 know, usually, you pick a shot date, you're two weeks or</p> <p>16 two months or six months out and -- and, you know, the</p> <p>17 dust goes where the wind will take it.</p> <p>18 BY MS. HAMILTON:</p> <p>19 Q Are there any other factors that affect where</p> <p>20 the dust goes other than wind?</p> <p>21 A Wind is the -- the, you know, humidity will</p> <p>22 have a slight impact on it, but not much. But wind is</p> <p>23 the -- the -- the major factor where the dust</p> <p>24 ends up. We'll have -- we'll have dust in the immediate</p> <p>25 vicinity regardless, depending on the type of structure.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 52</p> <p>1 MR. RICE: Join.</p> <p>2 BY MS. HAMILTON:</p> <p>3 Q You can answer.</p> <p>4 A Wind speed and direction does not come into</p> <p>5 play on most projects.</p> <p>6 Q Did wind speed and direction come into play on</p> <p>7 the Crawford project?</p> <p>8 A No, it did not.</p> <p>9 Q Did you check the wind speed or the wind</p> <p>10 direction for the Crawford project?</p> <p>11 A Probably. Again, I mean, we're all glued to</p> <p>12 our phones these days and you know, WeatherBug is</p> <p>13 something I look at regularly. Yeah. But you need to</p> <p>14 dress for the day, so got to check the weather.</p> <p>15 MS. HAMILTON: Okay. Let's look at 25 please,</p> <p>16 Lindsay.</p> <p>17 COURT REPORTER: All right.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. This is Exhibit 4, CDI Preliminary Plan</p> <p>19 and Procedure prepared February 19th -- or revised</p> <p>20 February 19, 2020. Bates stamp CTRL 14180 through</p> <p>21 14185. Did you prepare this Preliminary Plan and</p> <p>22 Procedure that was revised February 19, 2020?</p> <p>23 (EXHIBIT 4 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)</p> <p>24 A Yes. Believe I did.</p> <p>25 Q And did it differ from the December 2019</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 51</p> <p>1 But the -- the dust that travels, airborne dust is --</p> <p>2 is, you know, taken by the wind.</p> <p>3 Q And do you pick shot dates based on wind or</p> <p>4 weather factors?</p> <p>5 A No. And 99 percent of the times, our client</p> <p>6 picks the shot date.</p> <p>7 Q Have you ever obtained a shot date based on</p> <p>8 weather or wind conditions?</p> <p>9 A I have not, no.</p> <p>10 Q Do you normally check weather or wind</p> <p>11 conditions near the shot date?</p> <p>12 A Yes. Obviously, you want to know what the</p> <p>13 weather is. There's two things that prevent us from</p> <p>14 using explosives. The -- they say the -- the morning</p> <p>15 of, does the wind speed and direction or rain or snow or</p> <p>16 anything have any impact on what we do? The answer is</p> <p>17 no. What does, if there's thunder and lightning, by law</p> <p>18 and code, we're not allowed to blast during an active</p> <p>19 electrical storm, for obvious reasons. Yes, we check</p> <p>20 the weather.</p> <p>21 Q But if it's a particularly windy day, by law</p> <p>22 you're still able to use explosives, correct?</p> <p>23 MR. DEVRIES: Object to form. Vague as far as</p> <p>24 the windiness. You can answer.</p> <p>25 MR. SMITH: Join.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 53</p> <p>1 Preliminary Plan and Procedure?</p> <p>2 A I'd have to compare them side by side, but</p> <p>3 that one in December was for the boilers. And this is</p> <p>4 specific for the chimney, if I'm not mistaken. If you</p> <p>5 go to page 2, it may have a tentative shot date on there</p> <p>6 right in the first paragraph. Now -- and under</p> <p>7 Introduction, if we had a shot date, it would've been</p> <p>8 the last sentence in the first paragraph.</p> <p>9 Q So does that mean you didn't have a shot date</p> <p>10 by the time of this Preliminary Plan and Procedure in</p> <p>11 February '19?</p> <p>12 A Correct.</p> <p>13 Q 2020 or -- yeah, 2020?</p> <p>14 A That's -- that's correct. There should be</p> <p>15 another later revision with the shot date on it.</p> <p>16 Q And why did you revise the December 2019</p> <p>17 Preliminary Plan?</p> <p>18 A Well, sorry. You didn't finish that. The</p> <p>19 December, if I -- again, this -- I believe the one in</p> <p>20 December was specific to the boilers, which we were not</p> <p>21 contracted to do. And this is specific to the chimney,</p> <p>22 which we were contracted to do.</p> <p>23 Q Okay. And then can we go to page 6? Okay.</p> <p>24 On my copy, this -- the highlighted was part of what we</p> <p>25 -- what was produced. Did you -- did you highlight</p>

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1	Q On March 4, 2020?		1 client will take -- take a -- you know, the first set of
2	A Yes, that's the date.		2 revisions, you know, as is. And sometimes they say,
3	Q And Eric Dovas from MCM signed it on		3 "Well, I -- I -- I'd like you to take this back and that
4	March 4, 2020 as well?		4 back," but it -- it'd be in the file.
5	A That's the date he wrote, yes.		5 Q Would it be easy for you to look up how many
6	Q Okay. There are a number of initials		6 times the contract went back and forth?
7	throughout the contract. RDZ, did you make those		7 A Probably.
8	initials? The RDZ initials?		8 Q Yeah. Would you mind doing that?
9	A Yes, those are my initials.		9 A Hopefully I won't lose you.
10	Q There are also a number of strikethroughs		10 Q Hopefully not.
11	through the contract. Did you make those strikethroughs?		11 A Some reason it's not letting me minimize this.
12	A Yes, I did.		12 Q I had the same problem.
13	Q Okay. And there's also handwriting, for		13 A Yeah, it's like I can't do anything.
14	instance, in paragraph three. Is that your handwriting?		14 Everything I click on, nothing happens. Maybe it's
15	A Yes, it is.		15 because this exhibit is up. I'm not sure.
16	Q Okay. Can you read what the handwriting says		16 MS. HAMILTON: Let's take this exhibit down for
17	after -- in paragraph three?		17 a minute, if you wouldn't mind, Lindsay. Thank you.
18	A "As limited by subcontractor's proposal		18 A All right. That seemed to do the trick. This
19	(attached as Exhibit B)."		19 was project submittals. Came in -- their contract came
20	Q Okay. And then under General Conditions on		20 in on February 21. I sent revisions over on the 24th,
21	the next page in paragraph one, there's some other		21 and it was executed on the -- so appears there was just
22	handwriting. Is that your handwriting?		22 one set of revisions.
23	A Yes.		23 Q Okay. Thanks for looking that up. Can you
24	Q And can you read that handwriting --		24 put the exhibit back up please, Lindsay? So the other
25	A "To the extent of insurance provided by the		25 initials appear to say ED. To your knowledge, is that
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1	subcontractor and limited herein."		1 Eric Dovas' initials -- or sorry, did Eric Dovas initial
2	Q Okay. And then onto 2V, is that your		2 this contract?
3	handwriting as well?		3 A I'm assuming so. I wasn't -- I wasn't there
4	A Yes.		4 to witness it, but --
5	Q And can you read what that says?		5 MR. DEVRIES: It's -- object to foundation.
6	A "Subcontractor will provide quotes for various		6 This is Ed DeVries. Sorry.
7	limits."		7 Q And it looks like there's initials ED next to
8	Q All right. And onto the next page, paragraph		8 all of your handwritten additions; is that correct?
9	five. That's your handwriting that says "Illinois"?		9 A Yeah. So when I strikethrough something, I
10	A Yes.		10 initial it to let them know that it was me. And they --
11	Q Okay. And so why did you make the		11 when it comes back with the client's initials on it, it
12	strikethroughs through the contract?		12 -- it means that they accept the strikethrough.
13	A To make it consistent with the terms and		13 Q Okay. So the client here accepted all of your
14	conditions of our proposal. The items -- items		14 edits to this contract, correct?
15	scratched out are usually exceptions that we take in our		15 A Yes.
16	proposal and if they're not struck through on a		16 Q And so per this contract, who was responsible
17	document, then they -- your proposal becomes moot.		17 for dust mitigation efforts generated by the implosion
18	Q Okay. To your knowledge, did Eric Dovas make		18 of the Crawford chimney?
19	any edits to this contract?		19 A That would be MCM.
20	A Not that I recall. If -- if there were, it'd		20 Q And does that say -- does that -- do you know
21	be in a different handwriting.		21 where that's stated in the contract?
22	Q And do you know how many times the contract		22 A It would be under CDI's general conditions.
23	went back and forth before it was signed on		23 Probably GC9, I believe. Our proposal's attached to the
24	March 4, 2020?		24 subcontract. It'd be probably the third to the last
25	A No. Again, I'd have to look. Sometimes the		25 page of this attachment.

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1 MS. HAMILTON: Lindsay, can you go to the third
 2 to the last page?
 3 A Keep going. One more page. I'm sorry. Oh,
 4 we went too fast. One more up. Do you see -- there you
 5 go. Our conditions changes. Making sure I got the
 6 right one. If you could go to the next page please?

7 MR. RICE: Yeah. For some reason it seems like
 8 you're missing a page in this document.

9 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Because this is page -- if
 10 you -- I can't -- it's page blank of whatever. If
 11 you could scroll up. I just can't read it. It says
 12 --

13 MR. DRISCOLL: This is Sean Driscoll for the
 14 record. It's Bates stamped, I think, correctly. So
 15 we -- this is production, right, that you produced?

16 MS. HAMILTON: Yeah, this is -- this was
 17 produced to us, and the Bates stamped --

18 MR. RICE: Well, what -- let me explain here
 19 for something. The exhibits that you produced today
 20 via the link has this complete copy. For some
 21 reason, the document you're pulling up right now,
 22 unless you can go back one page, that is the end of
 23 GC9 there prior to GC10, but for some reason the
 24 previous page did not have GC9 on it. I don't know
 25 why, but it's on the document you produced by the

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1 links, but it's not -- this is not the same -- can
 2 you go back one page there to page 16? See, for
 3 some reason that page is missing. I don't know
 4 what's going on with the shared document here. It's
 5 not the same as the one that you sent out earlier
 6 today.

7 THE WITNESS: Yeah, you're missing GC7 and 8.
 8 This isn't --

9 MR. RICE: Yeah, I don't --

10 THE WITNESS: This is not complete.

11 MR. RICE: Yeah.

12 MR. DRISCOLL: Hold on. Andrew, what I would
 13 tell you is I'm looking at the link right now and
 14 I'm going down to the terms and GC9 is not included
 15 in that. So I don't know what link you're looking
 16 at, but the link that I received for documents
 17 today, which would be 5-CTRL014196 fully executed
 18 subcontract does not have that page in it.

19 MR. RICE: I would disagree. I'm looking at it
 20 myself here. I've got --

21 MR. DRISCOLL: I'm looking at it myself, too.

22 MR. DEVRIES: I'm looking at it and I'm -- I
 23 see GC9. It's page 15 of 18.

24 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

25 MR. SMITH: And everyone, I think maybe to cut

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1 through this, I think the pages might be out of
 2 order in this document. So if you look at page --
 3 the fourteenth page of the PDF, it says page 4 of 8.
 4 Scroll down, it says page 6 of 8. You scroll to the
 5 next one, it says page 5 of 8. So I think pages 5
 6 and 6 are out of order.

7 MR. DEVRIES: Yeah, you need six of eight.

8 THE WITNESS: GC9 right there.

9 MR. RICE: Oh, I see it. Yeah. Okay. It's --
 10 obviously it's out order. Got you. Okay.

11 THE WITNESS: Under -- yeah, continue down
 12 under second paragraph at GC9.

13 BY MS. HAMILTON:

14 Q Okay. And for the record, we produced this --
 15 or you know, this exhibit is -- was produced by CDI and
 16 it's Bates stamped. It appears to be out of order, but
 17 it's -- the Bates stamp is in order. Just the document
 18 itself is out of order. So GC9 is where --

19 A Where the contract -- the -- the contractor
 20 agrees to be solely responsible for and agrees to defend
 21 and indemnify, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. And it
 22 lists a myriad of things and one of those things is
 23 dust.

24 Q And can you tell me where the paragraph --

25 A One, two, three, four -- at the end of the

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1 fifth sentence, it said, "Time of CDI's operations, dust
 2 or smoke generated by the implosion; consequences of
 3 splash of soil, mud or debris resulting from CDI's
 4 felling in the structure."

5 Q Did you discuss this particular provision with
 6 Eric Dovas of MCM?

7 A It's not a revision. It was part of our
 8 original subcontract -- part of our original proposal.
 9 Excuse me.

10 Q And there -- you didn't make any edits to this
 11 provision in the contract that was signed by you and
 12 Eric Dovas on March 4, 2020, correct?

13 A No, this is a copy of the proposal that he
 14 signed off on initially.

15 Q And then there are there other revisions in
 16 the Exhibit B contract?

17 A On CDI's Exhibit B?

18 Q Yes, to this?

19 A Unless there's -- there's a strikethrough,
 20 then no. This is a copy of the proposal that went out
 21 for the project and was accepted by the client.

22 Q And can you just scroll up, Lindsay, starting
 23 with GC1, Exhibit B. Oh, here it is. Exhibit A.

24 Sorry, go -- sorry. You can stop on Exhibit A, Special
 25 Conditions. And those are initialed by you and Eric

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1 Dovas at the bottom, correct? This page?

2 A Yeah, this -- the -- the -- the -- the proposal that he signed off on or accepted, he initialed 4 the proposal, was made part of the subcontract. It's just the -- this -- our subcontract was attached in as - - as an exhibit to the proposal.

7 Q Okay. And then --

8 A The date -- the date he accepted this proposal should be under the signature page. If you go up one 10 page, it should be there.

11 Q Right.

12 A No, keep going. One more page. He -- he accepted the proposal

14 11-15-19.

15 Q Okay. Can we go to the next page please, 16 Lindsay, in this document? And this -- there's a 17 revision there in paragraph five, correct?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And did you make that revision?

20 A Yeah, they -- they, as in MCM, requested that 21 we provide \$7 million general liability insurance.

22 Q And did you provide \$7 million general 23 liability insurance?

24 A I believe so. I know there were some -- some 25 change orders for additional insurance after the fact.

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1 I'd have to pull up, you know, those specific documents, 2 but if I struck through and wrote seven, it was per 3 their request. So if I find the insurance certificate, 4 which I'm sure somebody has a copy of, we'll tell you 5 the limits that we have.

6 Q Okay. And then can you go to the next page 7 please, Lindsay? This is Exhibit A, Special Conditions, 8 and this is initialed by both you and Eric Dovas, 9 correct, at the bottom?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And then can you go to the next page, Lindsay? 12 And then Exhibit B, General Conditions, I think it says 13 at the top. Wait, hold on. Let me -- yes. General 14 Conditions continued.

15 A Well, this is where we're out of order here.

16 Q Right. Throughout Exhibit B, General 17 Conditions, are there -- did you make any revisions?

18 A Scroll through, please. Keep going. One more 19 please. No, I don't see any revisions made.

20 Q But you and Eric Dovas initialed every page of 21 the Exhibit B, General Conditions, correct?

22 A Yes. Back in -- he -- again, he signed it -- 23 he signed this in November. He -- he initialed it in 24 November and sent it back. And I either initialed it 25 and sent it back that day or initialed -- initialed it

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1 when it went out with the subcontract. I'm not sure.

2 Q Okay. And who was -- for this contract, the 3 whole contract, who was responsible for clean-up of post 4 implosion dust or debris?

5 A MCM.

6 Q And where in the contract does that -- does it 7 state that?

8 A GC9. We just -- we were just there.

9 Q Okay. Is there anywhere else in the contract 10 where the -- there's a discussion of who's responsible 11 for the clean-up of post implosion dust or debris?

12 A I'd have to read the contract from beginning 13 to end. There might be. The dust may be -- dust or 14 debris may be mentioned somewhere else in our General 15 Conditions. I think it's under "The contractor will" on 16 our proposal that they'll be responsible for dust and 17 debris. So if you go up to the third page of our 18 proposal, keep going up please. All right. Oh, hang 19 on. And it will. And scroll down. "Contractor will," 20 number five, "clean-up post implosion dust/debris to 21 satisfaction, regulatory agencies, and or contractor's 22 client."

23 Q And did you discuss clean-up post implosion 24 dust or debris with Eric Dovas prior to signing this 25 contract?

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1 A No. CDI and MCM have -- have done numerous 2 projects in the past that they're a well-versed 3 contractor on -- on what to expect. And again, that's - - it's not our job to tell them what to do.

5 Q So at any time during the formation of this 6 contract, did you discuss CDI being responsible for dust 7 mitigation efforts for the implosion of the Crawford 8 chimney?

9 A No, I -- I never had those conversations.

10 Again, it's -- it's not -- it's not our contract -- not 11 in our contract. I'm sorry.

12 Q Did you ever discuss CDI providing dust 13 mitigation measures with anyone at Hilco?

14 A No.

15 Q Okay. And let's now look at Exhibit -- you 16 show 121, please, which I believe is Exhibit 6?

17 (EXHIBIT 6 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

18 COURT REPORTER: Yes.

19 MS. HAMILTON: And having the same issue of not 20 being able to get out the Zoom. Hold on a second.

21 COURT REPORTER: Do you want me to stop sharing 22 real quick?

23 MS. HAMILTON: Oh no, that's okay. I figured 24 it out.

25 MR. DEVRIES: You said this is 6?

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 70</p> <p>1 MS. HAMILTON: This is Exhibit 6.</p> <p>2 MR. DEVRIES: Oh, 120 -- no, I'm sorry. Okay.</p> <p>3 All right.</p> <p>4 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, who was that that</p> <p>5 just spoke?</p> <p>6 MR. DEVRIES: That was Edward DeVries. I was</p> <p>7 confused between the 6 and the 121. I'm</p> <p>8 straightened out, though.</p> <p>9 BY MS. HAMILTON:</p> <p>10 Q Okay. This is Exhibit 6, Crawford Generating</p> <p>11 Plant CGP, Final Exhaust Stack Reduction Submission,</p> <p>12 Crawford Generating Plant with a date of</p> <p>13 September 29, 2019. Bates stamped CTRL 2118 through</p> <p>14 2134. And Lindsay, if you wouldn't mind just scrolling</p> <p>15 through the exhibit slowly. My question for you,</p> <p>16 Mr. Zukowski, is have you ever seen this exhibit before?</p> <p>17 A Yeah, but just recently. I had no knowledge</p> <p>18 of it prior to the project.</p> <p>19 Q Prior to the Crawford project?</p> <p>20 A Yeah. Well, I -- I was never -- this document</p> <p>21 was never shared with me before we shot the chimney.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. So when did you see this document?</p> <p>23 A Andrew showed it to me.</p> <p>24 Q When did --</p> <p>25 THE WITNESS: Andrew, last week, was it? Two</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 72</p> <p>1 Q Okay. Sorry. Let's look at page 5 actually.</p> <p>2 So page 5 under Section 2.4.4, Whole Structure</p> <p>3 Mechanical. This document reads, "This approach</p> <p>4 contains a variety of higher risk and potentially</p> <p>5 significant impacts, but each of these can be reduced or</p> <p>6 minimized through adequate preparation and planning.</p> <p>7 Moreover, this approach contains the ability to duration</p> <p>8 of effects of work and significantly reduce potential</p> <p>9 for hazardous working conditions -- condition for those</p> <p>10 involved." Do you agree with this recommendation for</p> <p>11 the type of demolition method to use for the Crawford</p> <p>12 project?</p> <p>13 MR. RICE: Object to the --</p> <p>14 MR. SMITH: Objection.</p> <p>15 MR. RICE: Go ahead. I'll go after you.</p> <p>16 MR. SMITH: Objection. Form. Foundation.</p> <p>17 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, who was it that's</p> <p>18 making those objections?</p> <p>19 MR. SMITH: It's Michael Smith for Hilco.</p> <p>20 MR. RICE: And Andrew Rice for CDI.</p> <p>21 MR. DEVRIES: And MCM joins.</p> <p>22 BY MS. HAMILTON:</p> <p>23 Q You can answer.</p> <p>24 A I'm reading through their -- whomever, again,</p> <p>25 their whole segmental reduction and whole structure</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 71</p> <p>1 weeks ago?</p> <p>2 MR. RICE: I believe it may have been, yeah,</p> <p>3 January 16th perhaps.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>5 BY MS. HAMILTON:</p> <p>6 Q Okay. And so the first time you saw this</p> <p>7 document was in January of 2023?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. So it was not provided to you prior to</p> <p>10 your development of the CDI plan for the Crawford</p> <p>11 project?</p> <p>12 MR. DEVRIES: I'm going to object to the form</p> <p>13 of the question that it assumes this document was</p> <p>14 able to be provided, but the witness can answer.</p> <p>15 A I was not provided this document.</p> <p>16 BY MS. HAMILTON:</p> <p>17 Q Okay. So looking at page 4 of this document -</p> <p>18 - well, first of all, this document was prepared by</p> <p>19 JEI/MTS. Are you familiar with JEI?</p> <p>20 A No, I am not.</p> <p>21 MR. DEVRIES: Objection to form.</p> <p>22 Q And are you familiar with MTS?</p> <p>23 A No, I am not.</p> <p>24 Q Has CDI ever worked with JEI or MTS before?</p> <p>25 A Not to my knowledge, no.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 73</p> <p>1 mechanical. I -- I've never even heard of these terms</p> <p>2 before. Obviously, someone not in the demolition</p> <p>3 industry probably was the author of this document. So -</p> <p>4 - so I -- I -- I -- I don't even -- I'm confused as to</p> <p>5 what they're even trying to say. So it's a term I've</p> <p>6 never heard of. Whole structural -- whole structure</p> <p>7 mechanical. Is that conventional? What -- what are they</p> <p>8 meaning? These are using terms that are not used in the</p> <p>9 demolition world.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. And do you know what segmental</p> <p>11 reduction means?</p> <p>12 A No. What are they talking? Are they talking</p> <p>13 about soft cutting it and picking it down in pieces or</p> <p>14 are they -- what is that? Is there a definition of it</p> <p>15 somewhere?</p> <p>16 Q Let's see --</p> <p>17 A Not -- not a demolition term that's used in</p> <p>18 our industry.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. All right. Let's go up to page 2.</p> <p>20 Under Section 2.1, Types of Potential Demolition</p> <p>21 Approaches. And so would you agree with the definition</p> <p>22 of deconstruction?</p> <p>23 MR. SMITH: Object to form.</p> <p>24 COURT REPORTER: Who was it that made that</p> <p>25 objection? I'm sorry.</p>

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1 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith, with Hilco.

2 BY MS. HAMILTON:

3 Q Maybe you guys could just say your names
 4 before you make an objection or after you make an
 5 objection, so the court reporter knows and doesn't have
 6 to ask every time. I appreciate that. You can answer
 7 the question.

8 A Yeah, I mean, deconstruction's not a -- again,
 9 it's not a term widely used. This is -- this is manual
 10 demolition. Again, where the guy's got to climb all the
 11 way up to the top and use the little jackhammers and
 12 busters and bust it up and work their way down.

13 Q And then do you agree with the definition of
 14 segmental demolition?

15 A No. Could it be done? Are they -- again, are
 16 they talking about cutting it in chunks and lifting
 17 chunks off instead of little pieces? Sure, it could be
 18 done. It's not done. Certainly couldn't -- wouldn't be
 19 effective on this project.

20 Q Why wouldn't it be effective on this project?

21 A Try to find me a crane that can reach 378 feet
 22 that can pick up anything of -- of any size down.
 23 You're -- you're limited to the size of equipment that
 24 you have available.

25 Q Has CDI ever --

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1 "Environmental. There are various environmental
 2 elements involved with stack demolition. Each of the
 3 three identified have been given consideration during
 4 the evaluation approach methodology. From the selected
 5 methodology, the following observations and controls
 6 have been compiled." So first is there -- did CDI
 7 consider these environmental elements of noise, dust,
 8 and debris in its plan for the felling of the Crawford
 9 chimney?

10 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith for Hilco, objection
 11 to form.

12 MR. DEVRIES: MCM will join.

13 Q You can answer.

14 A Noise, yes. If you look at our exclusion zone
 15 map that we generated, part of that exclusion zone is --
 16 is based on how loud it's going to be. Because if -- if
 17 -- OSHA has a -- a -- a threshold of how loud you can
 18 subject third parties to or workers to without providing
 19 hearing protection. And that's based on a calculation
 20 of how many pounds of explosives are going off in any
 21 one delay. And that was taken into consideration in an
 22 exclusion zone. And it was also confirmed by our post
 23 shot readings of the, you know, of -- of the event by
 24 the size of the graphs that we set up.

25 Q What about dust and debris?

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1 A Could -- could -- could it be done?
 2 Absolutely. But you'd spend a fortune, though.

3 Q And has CDI ever done any segmental
 4 demolitions prior to April of 2020 to your knowledge?

5 A Not to my knowledge, no.

6 Q And then do you agree with the definition for
 7 whole structure reduction?

8 A Reducing -- provides for reducing the stack in
 9 one piece, reducing, what, its height? Again, it's --
 10 it's not very clear what they're trying to get their --
 11 their point across here.

12 Q And you said whole structure reduction is not
 13 a term used in the demolition industry?

14 A Correct.

15 Q And so has, to your knowledge, has CDI ever
 16 demolished something using a whole structure reduction
 17 method?

18 A I've never said -- those words have never come
 19 out of my mouth, I'll tell you that. No, I'm not going
 20 to -- I'm not going to agree to say that we did when
 21 it's not a term that we use.

22 Q Okay. So let's go to page 10, please. This
 23 says, "The effect of this degradation impacts both the
 24 selected approach as well as the methodology and timing
 25 of the actual demolition." And then Section 3.10 says,

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1 A Dust --

2 Q Was dust considered by CDI?

3 A Again, dust is not CDI's responsibility. And
 4 people -- we don't force people to use us. They call us
 5 because it's usually a quicker and more effective way.
 6 But part of that quicker and effective way is the -- is
 7 the -- is dealing with the dust, so no to dust. And
 8 debris in certain circumstances, sure. If I had to
 9 worry about debris from the -- the -- from the shot
 10 impacting structures to remain, then it would be, you
 11 know, maybe we could take the structure a different way
 12 or you have to put some protection up. But yeah, noise,
 13 certainly. Dust, no. Debris, sometimes.

14 Q For the Crawford plant or Crawford chimney
 15 specifically, was there anywhere in your plan that
 16 accounted for debris or debris?

17 A No, because again, what time we shot the
 18 chimney, most everything around it was wrecked or -- or
 19 soon to be wrecked. And, you know, we had a clear open
 20 fall path, and the -- the structure went exactly where
 21 it was supposed to go. And again, debris stayed right
 22 there on the job.

23 Q Okay. So 3 -- 3.10.2 reads, "The stack is
 24 constructed of concrete with interior layers of
 25 insulation and steel. The dust arising will only

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1 minimally, -- minimally be the product of concrete
 2 structural disintegration, but more likely soil impact.
 3 For that reason, JEI/MTS recommend attempting to time
 4 the reduction and impact immediately after a large
 5 precipitation event (preferably in excess of one inch)."
 6 Do you agree with JEI/MTS' recommendation?

7 MR. DEVRIES: Object.

8 A No, because -- no, because you pick a date,
 9 and is it going to rain an inch the day before? What if
 10 the -- what if there's no rain in the forecast for --
 11 for two weeks or a month? What if this job was in
 12 Nevada? I mean these people couldn't write these
 13 things.

14 MR. DEVRIES: And this is MCM. I was just
 15 going to object again to using this particular
 16 document to identify any supposed recommendation.

17 MR. SMITH: Hilco joins.

18 MR. RICE: CDI joins.

19 A I mean, I join, too. This is -- I've never
 20 seen this until recently and I don't know who these
 21 people are and what their skills or qualifications are,
 22 but they're using -- they're using stuff that us -- us
 23 demo guys don't use.

24 BY MS. HAMILTON:

25 Q So did CDI attempt to time the demolition of

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1 the Crawford chimney after a large precipitation event?
 2 A No.
 3 Q Did CDI ever consider timing the demolition of
 4 the Crawford chimney after a large precipitation event?

5 MR. RICE: I'm -- Andrew Rice. I'm going to
 6 object based on the assumption that CDI had some
 7 involvement in picking the date. Go ahead, Ray.

8 A Agreed. The date was chosen by MCM in concert
 9 with Hilco and the City about what day worked best for
 10 them for the closure of Pulaski Highway or Pulaski Road.
 11 Excuse me. And they came back to us to say, are you
 12 available on this date? And we said yes.

13 MS. HAMILTON: Okay. I'm sorry, Lindsay, could
 14 you read back my question?

15 COURT REPORTER: Yep. Give me just one moment.
 16 Please stand by.

17 (REPORTER PLAYS BACK REQUESTED QUESTION)

18 COURT REPORTER: Do you need me to play it
 19 again?

20 BY MS. HAMILTON:

21 Q No, that's okay. So did CDI play any role in
 22 the timing of the event of the Crawford chimney
 23 demolition?

24 A None other than our availability -- our
 25 availability to do it on the date and time requested.

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1 Q Okay. This document, the MTS document, goes
 2 on to read, "This will have saturated the soil to a
 3 depth of at least four inches and result in the lowest
 4 level of dust other than if accomplished during the
 5 winter with the ground frozen or covered with snow.
 6 Timing considered -- considering wind direction for the
 7 reduction will also be employed. The most important
 8 component of this approach is sufficient wetting.
 9 Chicago Department of Public Health has warned in a
 10 response to evaluation of this plan that 'No matter how
 11 much water is believed to be needed, we would need more
 12 than that.' JEI/MTS has duly consider this element and
 13 contained in Section 5.0 are the amplified responses to
 14 the CDPH warning." Do you agree with CDPH'S warning?

15 MR. DEVRIES: I'm going to, again, object to
 16 the use of this 29 September document for
 17 questioning. That's MCM.

18 MR. RICE: Andrew Rice, CDI. I will join.

19 MR. SMITH: Hilco. Also add the form and
 20 foundation objection, joins previous objections.

21 BY MS. HAMILTON:

22 Q You can answer.

23 A Do I agree with the CDPH statement? Again,
 24 I've never seen this document until just recently, so I
 25 don't know who the author is and -- and what their

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1 qualifications are or what communications they have with
 2 outside agencies. So I do not agree. I can't agree.
 3 I'm -- I'm -- I'm not in a position to agree.

4 Q As you sit here today, do you agree with the
 5 notion that following an the -- an implosion of the
 6 Crawford chimney, that no matter how much water is
 7 believed to be needed, we would need more than that?

8 MR. RICE: Objection. Asked and answered.

9 MR. SMITH: Hilco joins.

10 MR. DEVRIES: MCM joins and will also object to
 11 form as far as "more than that."

12 BY MS. HAMILTON:

13 Q You can answer.

14 A It's -- it's impossible for me to say how much
 15 water is -- is required. If these people were so smart,
 16 they should have told us. And -- and you know, again, I
 17 don't know who these people are and -- and what their
 18 qualifications are, but --

19 Q When you mean -- when you say, "these people,"
 20 who are you referring to?

21 A The author of this document. Who are they?
 22 What do they do for a living? What are their -- what
 23 are their qualifications on explosives demolition? I've
 24 been doing this a long time. I've never heard of them.

25 Q Did you have any conversations with the

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1 Chicago Department of Public Health regarding the
2 Crawford project?

3 A No.

4 Q In your past demolition work in Chicago, have
5 you been in contact with the -- or did you have any --
6 had you been in contact with the Chicago Department of
7 Public Health?

8 A Not me personally, no.

9 Q Has anybody at CDI been in contact with the
10 Chicago Department of Public Health for prior CDI
11 projects in Chicago?

12 A I have no way of answering that.

13 Q So you don't know one way or the other?

14 A I -- yeah. Again, who was -- who was speaking
15 to who and when? I mean, there's no way I have any --
16 any knowledge of any of those conversations.

17 Q Do you agree that sufficient wetting is the
18 most important component to minimize dust following an
19 implosion?

20 MR. RICE: Objection for vagueness. But go
21 ahead, if you understand the question.

22 A No, it's -- it's -- sorry. It's -- it's a --
23 it's a -- the question is vague and -- and define
24 sufficient wetting. If they're -- they wanted to wait
25 for a torrential downpour and now you've actually made

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1 the -- you -- you -- four inches of -- saturate the soil
2 to a depth of at least four inches, these people
3 obviously don't know what they're talking about because
4 if -- that's mud and now when the chimney lands on the
5 ground, you just created a mud wave, which is a giant
6 displacement of -- of dirt and rocks and plus the debris
7 of the chimney itself. Now you've given the -- the
8 chimney and the ground a vehicle to send particles
9 flying through the air other than dust. It's a bad
10 recommendation in my opinion.

11 Q Do you believe that wetting the ground before
12 an implosion plays any role in -- well, actually strike
13 all that. In prior demolitions, have you ever
14 considered wetting the ground before a demolition to
15 minimize dust?

16 MR. RICE: I'm sorry. Andrew Rice. I'm
17 objecting just to the fact that they -- CDI has
18 stated they don't do this but go ahead.

19 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith, Hilco, object to
20 form and join previous objection.

21 MR. DEVRIES: MCM will join.

22 BY MS. HAMILTON:

23 Q You can answer.

24 A It's standard practice to wet the ground,
25 whether you're blasting the structure or taking it down

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1 conventionally in the haul roads, it's -- you know.
2 Does wetting the ground help? But it -- it does zero to
3 stop the dust from the fracture of the concrete.
4 There's -- it's physically impossible to wet the inside
5 of a 18-inch thick piece of concrete. You can -- you
6 can spray all the water you want, but you'll -- you'll
7 never -- the water will never penetrate the concrete
8 fully. It just can't happen. So does it help with dust
9 from the ground? Sure, it does, but it does absolutely
10 zero for the dust from the concrete itself. You got to
11 remember there's dust from the chimney itself, the
12 concrete and the brick, and the ground, which is the
13 ground. They're not the same, so --

14 Q And when you say standard practice to wet the
15 ground before demolition, is that a practice that CDI
16 performs?

17 A No, again, dust is not our responsibility. If
18 you go to any major demolition project in Chicago or
19 anywhere else in this country, you'll always see a water
20 truck run around all day wetting down the haul roads,
21 spraying water on what they're wrecking. It's just
22 standard practice. So, you know, can you -- can you
23 completely mitigate the dust? No, but you can try. And
24 if you can make the attempt why, you know, make the
25 attempt. If it helps, great. If it, you know, it

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1 doesn't, it doesn't.

2 Q Are you aware whether or not the ground was
3 wet -- wetted before the Crawford chimney demolition?

4 MR. SMITH: Object to form. Michael Smith for
5 Hilco.

6 Q You can answer.

7 A I knew they had water trucks. They, as in
8 MCM, had water trucks or -- or truck or trucks. Not --
9 I don't remember if it was one or two. And did they wet
10 the area? Yes, I believe, and I believe they had the
11 DustBosses set up. You know, only -- only concern with
12 the trucks is at a certain point in time we have to cut
13 them off because we have to make the final connections
14 to the chimney with our -- our lead line. We can't have
15 trucks running over it for obvious reasons. So -- but I
16 -- I'm 99 percent sure that they did have water trucks
17 that day and that the fall area was wet.

18 Q Did you say the default area?

19 A The fall area, yes.

20 Q The fall area. And if the fall area hadn't
21 been wetted -- wet, would you have still been able to do
22 the demolition?

23 A Yes.

24 Q So there's no requirement that the fall area
25 is wet before a demolition occurs, correct?

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1 A There's not a CDI requirement. I'm -- if
 2 there's something localized, some local provision for
 3 it, then you know, yes, it could be. But not for us on
 4 this project, no.

5 Q So on this particular project, you were not
 6 required to stop the demolition if the ground wasn't
 7 wet, correct?

8 A Correct.

9 Q And when you said it was standard practice to
 10 wet the fall area before a demolition, in this case, who
 11 would've been responsible for wetting the ground before
 12 a demolition, if not CDI?

13 A MCM.

14 Q Okay. Did you have any discussions with MCM
 15 about wetting the fall area before the demolition?

16 A Again, only as to when their trucks would stop
 17 so it wouldn't interfere with us making the final
 18 connections to the chimney.

19 Q Okay. Go to page 15. 15, Section 5.0, is
 20 post demolition dust control. And this reads, "In order
 21 to" -- third paragraph. "In order to achieve this,
 22 JEI/MTS has arranged collaborative agreements with five
 23 Chicago Fire Department CFD battalions to support this
 24 demolition effort with up to 24 total engines, trucks,
 25 and water tankers to assist in limited what may be an

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1 extremely pervasive dust event. These will be augmented
 2 by additional water trucks levied expressly for the
 3 event. However, the primary rationale for mechanical
 4 demolition, which allows more acute timing control is to
 5 repair the reduction during fair weather and then to
 6 demolish the stack during a heavy rain event, allowing
 7 nature to assist with the dust control." Do you agree
 8 that demolishing the stack in a heavy rain event would
 9 allow nature to assist with dust control?

10 A No --

11 MR. DEVRIES: This is -- go ahead, Michael.

12 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith for Hilco, objection.
 13 Form and foundation.

14 MR. DEVRIES: MCM joins. Also, again,
 15 objecting to just even the use of this document.
 16 It's inappropriate.

17 MR. RICE: Andrew Rice, CDI will join as well.

18 BY MS. HAMILTON:

19 Q You can answer.

20 A Rain does zero to -- to knock the dust down.
 21 Not -- I'm not going to say zero. It does almost zero.
 22 Again, all the dust generated by the fracture of the
 23 concrete, the rain can't penetrate the concrete, nor can
 24 it prevent that dust and nor can it palliate it in the
 25 amount of time in -- in the short duration of how much

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1 dust is generated. So again, I -- I -- I agree with
 2 everybody else. This document, I don't know where it
 3 came from. I've been doing this 27 years and my god, 24
 4 firetrucks? What if there was an emergency in the city
 5 for god's sakes. That's -- that's, yeah. I mean that's
 6 a ridiculous amount of -- there -- there was two fire
 7 trucks when we did this, and the City was involved with
 8 the permitting from day one. So I -- I don't know
 9 where this document came from and who said it was going
 10 to -- who -- who -- where were these other 22 firetruck
 11 during the day if JEI had all these conversations?

12 Q Did you have any conversations with the
 13 Chicago Fire Department regarding trucks for the
 14 Crawford demolition?

15 A No.

16 Q Did you have any conversations with MCM about
 17 using firetrucks for the Crawford demolition?

18 A No.

19 Q Do you agree that the Crawford chimney
 20 demolition may be an extremely pervasive dust event?

21 MR. DEVRIES: This is MCM. I'll object to
 22 form. Foundation, vague.

23 MR. RICE: Andrew Rice, CDI will join.

24 MR. SMITH: Hilco joins.

25 BY MS. HAMILTON:

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1 Q You can answer.

2 A No, it was just same -- this was no different
 3 than the hundreds of chimneys that we've done prior to,
 4 as respects dust, so --

5 Q So prior to the demolition of the Crawford
 6 Chimney, you didn't believe that it would be an
 7 extremely pervasive dust event, correct?

8 A Correct.

9 Q If under the CDI -- actually strike that.

10 We'll -- let's show 160, please. This is Exhibit 7,
 11 Bates stamped CTRL 81 through 80 -- let's see, is that
 12 86, I think? 88. This is an e-mail from Jennifer L.
 13 Renteria on behalf of Raymond D. Zukowski. Who's
 14 Jennifer L. Rent -- I don't know how to pronounce her
 15 last name. Renteria?

16 (EXHIBIT 7 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

17 A She's -- she's one of the assistants here.

18 Q And she sent this e-mail on your behalf,
 19 correct?

20 A Correct.

21 Q And in this e-mail, you are sending Eric CDI's
 22 revised preliminary plan and procedure and exclusion
 23 zone drawing, correct?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And then go -- can you go to the last page of

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 90</p> <p>1 this document? Okay. Is this the exclusion zone 2 document?</p> <p>3 A Hard to tell, it's not in color, but I can see 4 the outline of the lines that match my exclusion zone. 5 Yes.</p> <p>6 Q And what is an exclusion zone?</p> <p>7 A As it say -- as it states, it's -- it's where 8 people are not allowed inside -- out -- inside the -- 9 the -- the line, you know, or on their roofs to watch, 10 to keep them -- mostly to keep them from being exposed 11 to the 140 DBL. Then it also stretches on the north and 12 south end to catch the road closure at the 13 intersections.</p> <p>14 Q And who created this exclusion zone document?</p> <p>15 A I started it and then there were some requests 16 to modify it and make it larger, which was fine with me, 17 larger the better. And then ultimately it was changed 18 to add the locations of the DustBosses and the command 19 posts and all that, but I didn't make those changes.</p> <p>20 Q Do you know who did make those changes?</p> <p>21 A Yes, Eric Dovas.</p> <p>22 Q Did you instruct Eric Dovas to make those 23 changes?</p> <p>24 A No, it was based on a -- I -- he and I spoke 25 about it and he added it and he sent it to me. Said,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 92</p> <p>1 A No, it does not.</p> <p>2 Q Are you aware of whether Hilco made any edits 3 to the exclusion zone document?</p> <p>4 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith, Hilco, object to 5 foundation and form.</p> <p>6 Q You can answer.</p> <p>7 A I have no knowledge of Hilco modifying the 8 document. No.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. Can you pull up 33, please, Lindsay? 10 So this is an e-mail -- sorry, this is Exhibit 8 and 11 this is an e-mail. Sorry, it's Bates stamp CTRL 381 to 12 382. And this is an e-mail from you to Carol Groft, 13 correct? On April 3, 2020?</p> <p>14 (EXHIBIT 8 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)</p> <p>15 A Yes.</p> <p>16 Q And scrolling down, there's an e-mail on this 17 exhibit from Nicholas Pullara to you on April 3rd, 18 subject, Crawford Chimney Exclusion Zone Community, 19 correct?</p> <p>20 A Correct.</p> <p>21 Q And the e-mail says, "Ray, as discussed, we 22 prefer to make the attached elements to the original 23 chimney exclusion zone to include in the community 24 notice. If we can make the edits by 2:00 p.m. CST, it 25 would be greatly appreciated, and feel free to call me</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 91</p> <p>1 "Per our" -- you know, "Per our conversation, attached, 2 please find." And -- and I didn't take any objections 3 to it.</p> <p>4 Q Did you have an understanding as to why Eric 5 was making those changes?</p> <p>6 A I -- I believe it had to do with Hilco's or 7 MCM's submittal to the City. But again, they -- they -- 8 they added where the command post was be -- was going to 9 be and where the firetrucks were going to be and where 10 the DustBosses were going to be, so I didn't feel that 11 was anything that I needed to object to.</p> <p>12 Q Did you have any input on where the DustBosses 13 or any of the other changes to the exclusions of 14 document, like where the location of those items would 15 be?</p> <p>16 A No, it was not my decision.</p> <p>17 Q Did you give any input on the location of 18 Eric's additional additions to the exclusion zone 19 document?</p> <p>20 A No, I think he asked if he could put the 21 command post where it was, and since it was outside of 22 my red line, I didn't -- I didn't take any objections to 23 it. It seemed like a decent place to have it.</p> <p>24 Q Does the exclusion -- does this exclusion zone 25 document take into account dust migrating off-site?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 93</p> <p>1 with any questions." And did you --</p> <p>2 A Oh, yeah, because this is a -- if you scroll 3 down, this is -- he asked for one without our company 4 logo on it. If you -- if you go to the attachment, he 5 wanted us to remove the title walk in the corner.</p> <p>6 Q And he wanted you to remove Notes paragraph 7 one, correct?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q And he also wanted you to remove the warning, 10 correct? The warning paragraph?</p> <p>11 A Yeah. That's about having it sent out without 12 CDI's permission. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q And did you allow him to remove those -- these 14 items?</p> <p>15 A Yeah, yeah. I remember -- yeah, we talked 16 about it.</p> <p>17 Q Let me ask the question first before you 18 answer, just so we have a clear record. You know where 19 I'm going, but -- you can go ahead and answer.</p> <p>20 A Yeah. We didn't take any exception. You 21 know, there -- there's -- if you're going to have a map 22 out within a community notice, there's no reason why 23 they need to know CDI's file number or anything like 24 that that was in the title block. It just cleans up the 25 document. We -- we felt that it wouldn't make any</p>

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1 difference if it was -- you know, people should know
 2 what the exclusion zone is or where they can or can't
 3 be. But do they need to know, you know, who generated
 4 it or who the client is and what the date was or
 5 revision was? No, those things are irrelevant.

6 Q Are you aware of Hilco, of anyone at Hilco,
 7 making any other edits to the exclusion zone document?

8 A No.

9 Q And you did not instruct Nick Pullara to make
 10 these modifications to the exclusion zone document,
 11 correct?

12 A Correct. He asked me if he could.

13 Q So who normally sees the exclusion zone
 14 document on an -- a demolition project?

15 A Typically, obviously, my client does, and
 16 their client and the -- any regulatory agencies involved
 17 with the road closures or permitting.

18 Q And why do you have to share with any
 19 regulatory agencies that's involved in permitting?

20 A They -- they're -- they have a right to know
 21 what's going on, and the City of Chicago has specific
 22 regulations as respects use of explosives in the city
 23 limits, and if you have to close public right of ways,
 24 you know, is that done by the DOT? Is it done by the
 25 police? Is it done by the sheriff? That's all decided

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1 at the local level. Those are outside of my scope of
 2 work. But, you know, we send out our suggested
 3 exclusions zone, and so a lot of times, it gets modified
 4 based on, you know, the -- whomever's in charge of the
 5 road closure says, "No, no, no, no. Let's move that
 6 road closure back here. That way, people can turn
 7 around easier, and it's less -- less of an impact to the
 8 community." You know, we -- we give them the minimum,
 9 and usually it gets expanded based on, you know, the
 10 locality and who's actually in charge of the closures.

11 Q Let's show -- can we look at 35, please? So
 12 this is Exhibit 9, Bates stamped CTRL 307 to 308, and
 13 this is an e-mail from Eric Dovas to you and Jennifer,
 14 correct?

15 (EXHIBIT 9 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

16 A Yes.

17 Q On April 2, 2020?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And it says, "Hello, Ray and Jennifer.

20 Attached is CDI's exclusion zone with a few
 21 modifications I added per the phone meeting yesterday.
 22 The west exclusion zone line is supposed to be moved
 23 plus or minus 300 feet toward the west. Can you use the
 24 attached file and modify while keeping my modifications?
 25 If so, please complete and return at your earliest

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1 convenience." Did you modify the document after
 2 receiving this e-mail from Eric?

3 A I believe he -- he -- he put the mods on, and
 4 it just went out as is because -- can you go to the
 5 attachment, please? Yeah, I'd have to -- whether we
 6 took his -- yeah, we may have taken the -- the title,
 7 where he put the boxes, where it's a command center at -
 8 - and DustBosses and road closures within, I'm not sure
 9 if they made it out to the final or not.

10 MS. HAMILTON: Lindsay, is there a way to
 11 switch the rotation of the document so that it's
 12 landscape?

13 COURT REPORTER: Let me see. I don't know.
 14 Let me try. Oh, I had it. There we go.

15 MS. HAMILTON: Yep, that's great. Thanks.

16 Q So did you make the additions of the red boxes
 17 that have text in them?

18 A No, that was Eric.

19 Q Okay. And did you have any conversations with
 20 Eric about him adding the red boxes and the text in
 21 them?

22 A Obviously, we had a conversation. I don't
 23 recall if it was specific to the text inside the boxes.
 24 I know we talked about putting the command center on
 25 there and making the commands, the -- the exclusion zone

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1 300 foot farther to the west, again, which is okay with
 2 me.

3 Q Did you instruct Eric where to put the
 4 firetrucks in this document?

5 A No.

6 MR. RICE: Objection. Asked and answered but
 7 go ahead.

8 A No.

9 Q Did you instruct Eric to put -- where to put
 10 the DustBoss and water truck at each side of the chimney
 11 --

12 MR. RICE: Objection. Asked and --

13 Q -- on this exclusion zone part of this
 14 document?

15 MR. RICE: Sorry. I apologize. Andrew Rice,
 16 CDI. Objection. Asked and answered. Go ahead, Ray.

17 A No, we had -- we did not -- he did not ask me
 18 where to put them, nor did I tell him.

19 Q Are you familiar with Aaron Fitch of MCM?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Did you instruct him to make any modifications
 22 of the exclusion zone document?

23 A No, I don't recall. Eric was -- or Aaron was
 24 barely involved with this project.

25 Q So I just want to make sure I understand your

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1 Q Would you agree that implementing any measures
 2 to control dust after an implosion is better than
 3 implementing no measures?

4 MR. DEVRIES: I'm going to object to the form
 5 of the question. It assumes that no measures were
 6 implemented, and it calls for speculation. It's
 7 incomplete and form. MCM.

8 MR. RICE: Andrew Rice, CDI. I'll join.

9 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith, Hilco. I'll join.
 10 BY MS. HAMILTON:

11 Q You can answer.

12 A As -- as was just stated, they did make an
 13 effort. They -- they had water trucks. They had
 14 DustBosses. They -- the fire department had fire
 15 trucks. An attempt was made to palliate the dust.

16 Q Right, but that was not my question. My
 17 question to you was would you agree that implementing
 18 measures to control dust is better than implementing no
 19 measures?

20 MR. DEVRIES: Same objections for MCM and asked
 21 and answered.

22 MR. SMITH: Same objections for Hilco.

23 MR. RICE: CDI. Join.

24 BY MS. HAMILTON:

25 Q You can answer.

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1 A Yes, of course, and again, an attempt was made
 2 to -- to mitigate the dust.

3 Q And who made the attempt to mitigate the dust
 4 after the Crawford implosion?

5 A I would have to assume it would be MCM because
 6 they're my client.

7 Q Why do you have to assume that it was MCM?

8 A Because dust is not our responsibility.
 9 Chimney falls down, we give the all clear. We're on the
 10 next plane out of there.

11 Q Do you know whether or not MCM made any
 12 attempts to mitigate the dust after the implosion?

13 MR. RICE: Objection. Asked and answered,
 14 considering he's talked about what he saw. But go
 15 ahead, Ray.

16 MR. DEVRIES: MCM will join.

17 MR. SMITH: Hilco will join.

18 A Again, structure's on the ground. All clear
 19 is given. Everything went per plan. Handshakes are
 20 handed out. See you later. It's not our -- our
 21 responsibility to monitor who or what cleans up the
 22 dust.

23 BY MS. HAMILTON:

24 Q Yes. You said that you assumed that MCM, your
 25 client, MCM, attempted to mitigate the dust, and I'm

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1 asking you, did you actually observe them mitigating the
 2 dust?

3 A I -- I left site.

4 Q Okay. So the answer is no, you did not
 5 actually see them taking any attempts to mitigate the
 6 dust after the implosion?

7 A Well, it's dust clean-up after the implosion.
 8 You can't mitigate something after it already happened.
 9 So I think we need to clear that up. You have --
 10 mitigation would happen prior to, and clean-up would
 11 happen post. So there's post-dust clean-up. Mitigation
 12 would be before the event, and dust clean-up, post --
 13 post-dust clean-up would obviously be after the event.

14 Q Did you observe any pre-implosion dust
 15 mitigation by MCM?

16 A Yes.

17 Q What did you observe?

18 A They had the -- the -- the DustBosses set up,
 19 and they had the water trucks going. I believe they had
 20 a street sweeper on standby or arranged to have a street
 21 sweeper on standby. I -- you know, someone arranged to
 22 have the fire department there. Whether that was MCM or
 23 whomever, I -- I don't know. But the -- those -- those
 24 items were in place and operational before we shot.

25 Q And did you observe any post-implosion dust

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1 clean-up?

2 A No. I'd left the site.

3 Q What would CDI have done if it had been
 4 responsible for dust mitigation under your contract with
 5 MCM?

6 MR. RICE: Objection, calls for speculation,
 7 incomplete hypothetical, and they don't do that. So
 8 I think that's --

9 MS. HAMILTON: Please don't make speaking
 10 objections. I got your objection, but I -- you
 11 know, you've had a few of those, and I've let them
 12 go, but don't make speaking objections.

13 MR. DEVRIES: MCM will join in the objections.

14 MR. SMITH: Hilco will join as a form and
 15 foundation objection.

16 BY MS. HAMILTON:

17 Q You can answer.

18 A We won't -- I -- I wouldn't do it. I wouldn't
 19 take on that responsibility. Let me clarify that.
 20 Those are -- those are items that do not fit our current
 21 business model, and we do not have the resources to --
 22 to -- to do that stuff. We don't own DustBosses, and we
 23 don't own trucks, or we don't own any equipment. We're
 24 just a super small little specialty blasting
 25 subcontractor.

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1 MS. HAMILTON: Okay. Can you show 138, please,

2 Lindsay?

3 COURT REPORTER: Yes. Give me --

4 MR. DEVRIES: Hey, Danielle, whenever you have
5 a chance, I wouldn't mind just, like, a five-minute
6 break. I'm not saying right away. Just keep it in
7 mind.

8 MS. HAMILTON: Yeah. After this round of
9 questions, we can take a break.

10 MR. DRISCOLL: And Danielle, just real quick,
11 how long do you think much more you have going, just
12 because if I'm going to have someone -- because I've
13 got to jump out somewhere. Someone's going to come
14 on. I want to give them an idea when they're going
15 to come on.

16 MS. HAMILTON: I don't know. I have, you know,
17 at least I would guess an hour's worth more, maybe
18 more than that.

19 MR. DRISCOLL: Okay. I mean, so if we take a -
20 - let's say we take a break in a couple minutes. If
21 I tell someone they can pop on around 3:00, it's --
22 does that seem reasonable?

23 MS. HAMILTON: Yeah. 3:00 Central?

24 MR. DRISCOLL: Yeah.

25 MS. HAMILTON: Yes.

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1 Yes. So this dust control approach says that a plan
2 will be implemented in conjunction with the standardized
3 requirements for demolition activities. A site layout
4 map is provided and included as Figure 2, and can we go
5 to Figure 2, please? Which is, I believe, on the next
6 page. Oh, no, it's not. Sorry. It's on page 6. Oh,
7 actually, sorry. Let's go back to page 4, 2.0, Dust
8 Control Approach. The second paragraph reads, "Control
9 of dust will be a top priority during the project. The
10 primary equipment for dust control will be the use of
11 water trucks with a spray bar and hoses, along with
12 misting blowers. Only potable water will be used for
13 dust control purposes." Do you agree with this fugitive
14 dust control plan?

15 MR. SMITH: This is Hilco. Objection. Form.
16 Foundation.

17 MR. DEVRIES: MCM will join.

18 MR. RICE: Andrew Rice, CDI. I'll join as
19 well.

20 BY MS. HAMILTON:

21 Q You can answer.

22 A Again, you're asking me a comment on a
23 document I didn't have -- I didn't authorize to -- this
24 is a -- something between MCM and JEI, you know. I -- I
25 was never given an opportunity to review it, you know.

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1 MR. DRISCOLL: All right. Thank you.

2 MS. HAMILTON: No problem. So this is Exhibit
3 10, I think.

4 (EXHIBIT 10 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

5 COURT REPORTER: Yes.

6 BY MS. HAMILTON:

7 Q This is a Crawford Generating Plant, CGP,
8 Fugitive Dust Control Plan for use of MCM Management,
9 and Lindsay, if you wouldn't mind just scrolling through
10 it. I'm going to ask you, Mr. Zukowski, if you've ever
11 seen this document before.

12 A Isn't this the same one we just looked at, or
13 is this different?

14 Q This is different than what we --

15 A No, I've never seen this.

16 Q So -- sorry. Your answer was you've never
17 seen the document?

18 A No, it doesn't look familiar at all.

19 Q I don't know if I marked the Bates stamp. It
20 is CTRL 2057 through 2063. So this document was not
21 provided to you prior to the demolition of the Crawford
22 chimney, correct?

23 A Correct.

24 Q Okay. And then can we go to page 4, Section

25 2.0, Dust Control Approach, if that's the right page?

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1 You know, "Controlled dust will be a top priority during
2 the demolition project." I mean, I -- I don't like
3 throwing people under the bus, but this is a pretty
4 crappy document. I mean, anybody could -- anybody with
5 common sense could have wrote that, so --

6 Q Was the control of dust a top priority for CDI
7 during the Crawford demolition?

8 A No. Dust is not our responsibility per our
9 contract.

10 Q Did CDI have a fugitive dust control plan for
11 the Crawford demolition?

12 A No, we did not.

13 Q Are you aware if MCM had a fugitive dust
14 control plan for the Crawford demolition?

15 MR. DEVRIES: MCM will object to foundation.

16 Q You can answer.

17 A I have no knowledge of them having such a
18 plan.

19 Q And did CDI follow any of this fugitive dust
20 control plan in paragraph -- the second paragraph of
21 2.0?

22 MR. DEVRIES: MCM will object to form.

23 MR. RICE: CDI will join.

24 MR. SMITH: Hilco will join.

25 BY MS. HAMILTON:

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 110</p> <p>1 Q You can answer.</p> <p>2 A No.</p> <p>3 MS. HAMILTON: Okay. You can put this exhibit</p> <p>4 down. Let's take a break. Let's take a five-minute</p> <p>5 break.</p> <p>6 MR. DEVRIES: That's fine for me. Thank you.</p> <p>7 MR. DRISCOLL: You want to make it ten?</p> <p>8 MS. HAMILTON: Yeah, let's just come back at</p> <p>9 1:00 Central.</p> <p>10 MR. DRISCOLL: Perfect. Thank you.</p> <p>11 (OFF THE RECORD)</p> <p>12 COURT REPORTER: All right. We are back on the</p> <p>13 record for the deposition of Raymond Zukowski on</p> <p>14 February 6, 2023. The current time is 2:01 p.m.</p> <p>15 Eastern Standard Time. You may continue.</p> <p>16 BY MS. HAMILTON:</p> <p>17 Q Did you make any promises to Hilco that dust</p> <p>18 wouldn't cause any issues off-site?</p> <p>19 A No, I did not.</p> <p>20 Q To your knowledge, did anybody else at CDI</p> <p>21 make any promises like that to Hilco?</p> <p>22 A To my knowledge, no one made those promises.</p> <p>23 Q Did you make any promises to MCM that dust</p> <p>24 wouldn't cause issues off-site?</p> <p>25 A No.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 112</p> <p>1 (EXHIBIT 11 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. And then at the bottom, there's an</p> <p>4 e-mail from you to Eric Dovas on February 21, 2020 at</p> <p>5 12:01 p.m. Do you see that?</p> <p>6 A Yes.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. The second paragraph reads, "Regarding</p> <p>8 felling the Crawford Chimney on March 29th that date is</p> <p>9 currently open on our schedule. The only way we would</p> <p>10 commit to that is that Hilco would have to obtain the</p> <p>11 implosion permit with CDI's assistance from the City of</p> <p>12 Chicago. For when I was there to look at the boilers,</p> <p>13 the Hilco representative I met with told me not to have</p> <p>14 any contact with the city as respects to this project."</p> <p>15 So when you said in this e-mail, "Obtain the implosion</p> <p>16 permit with CDI's assistance," what did you mean by</p> <p>17 that?</p> <p>18 A That they would obtain the permit from the</p> <p>19 city, and we would support them with documents requested</p> <p>20 like exclusion zones, documents, stuff like that.</p> <p>21 Q And do you recall what Hilco representative</p> <p>22 you met with told you not to have any contact with the</p> <p>23 city as respects this project?</p> <p>24 A Yes, it was Nicholas Pullara.</p> <p>25 Q And did he explain why he told you not to have</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 111</p> <p>1 Q And to your knowledge, did anyone at CDI make</p> <p>2 any promises like that to MCM?</p> <p>3 A No.</p> <p>4 Q Did you make any promises that dust wouldn't</p> <p>5 cause issues off-site to anyone?</p> <p>6 A No.</p> <p>7 Q And to your knowledge, did anybody at CDI make</p> <p>8 any promises that dust wouldn't cause issues off-site to</p> <p>9 anyone?</p> <p>10 A No, to my knowledge.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. Did you play any role in obtaining the</p> <p>12 blasting permit from the City of Chicago for the</p> <p>13 Crawford Demolition?</p> <p>14 A Other than attending one or two conference</p> <p>15 calls with everybody involved, the -- the permit was</p> <p>16 handled by Hilco.</p> <p>17 Q And we'll go back to those conference calls,</p> <p>18 but did you have any conversations with any City of</p> <p>19 Chicago employees regarding the blasting permit for this</p> <p>20 project?</p> <p>21 A Again, only in the conference calls.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. Can you show 53, please? Exhibit 11?</p> <p>23 This is Exhibit 11, Bates stamped CTRL 27. The top of</p> <p>24 this is an e-mail from Eric Dovas to you on February 21,</p> <p>25 2020, correct?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 113</p> <p>1 any contact with the city as respect to this project?</p> <p>2 A No, he -- he just said he was spearheading the</p> <p>3 -- the -- the permitting processes for this and -- and I</p> <p>4 took it as a welcome change.</p> <p>5 Q In what way was it a welcome change?</p> <p>6 A Because it -- it tipped the -- if you were</p> <p>7 able to click on that link, to get an implosion permit</p> <p>8 through the City of Chicago, is a very lengthy and</p> <p>9 arduous task that can take months of document production</p> <p>10 and approvals. And what the -- the city decided</p> <p>11 to do was to issue a -- the actual permit, helicopter</p> <p>12 lift permit, which was a -- a clever way of cutting</p> <p>13 through the masses of red tape that's normally involved</p> <p>14 to -- to meet the needs of the project, which was</p> <p>15 simple -- a simple road closure of Pulaski for the 15</p> <p>16 minutes at we -- we requested, excuse me.</p> <p>17 Q So had a developer ever spearheaded the</p> <p>18 obtaining the permit projects for any implosion projects</p> <p>19 that CDI was contracted to do?</p> <p>20 A I can't say specific which ones, I'm sure. I</p> <p>21 mean, there certainly has been projects for, excuse me,</p> <p>22 our client or their client, you know, handled permitting</p> <p>23 and all, you know, job specific.</p> <p>24 Q In the prior -- had CDI ever used explosives</p> <p>25 in the demolition in Chicago prior to April of 2020?</p>

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1 A Yes.

2 Q And in those instances, did CDI obtain the
3 blasting permit or did someone else obtain the?

4 A I -- again, I -- I wasn't -- I was on two of
5 those projects and I was just there to help load the
6 explosives. I wasn't part of the management team, so I
7 can't say for sure.

8 Q Did you think getting a blasting permit for
9 the Crawford project was far-fetched?

10 A I'm not sure what you mean. We needed a
11 permit.

12 Q Did you think that it was likely that you were
13 going to get a permit for the blasting permit for the
14 Crawford project?

15 A Yes. Based on -- based on the conversations,
16 group conversations we had, there was no objections from
17 the city representatives on the phone or the alderman
18 that was helping out with the project that, you know,
19 everybody was helpful as respects getting the permit
20 issued.

21 Q Okay. And CDI's interrogatory responses in
22 this case, which you signed the CDI Interrogatories,
23 correct?

24 A Yes.

25 Q In those interrogatories, the -- one of the

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1 answers was that CDI was precluded from the permitting
2 process by Hilco. How was CDI precluded from the
3 permitting process by Hilco?

4 A We were told not to have any contact with the
5 city as respects to permit that all communications for
6 the permit was -- was to go through Hilco and my -- my -
7 - my contract's with MCM. So I -- I wouldn't be -- be
8 dealing directly with Hilco, you know, anyhow. If they
9 asked me something I would answer them, sure. But, you
10 know, all -- all my submittals went through MCM.

11 Q Okay. Can we show 49 please? Okay. This is
12 an e-mail -- this is Exhibit 12, Bates stamped CTRL
13 4241. This is an e-mail from you to
14 npullara@hilcoglobal.com on March 6, 2020, correct?

15 (EXHIBIT 12 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

16 A Yes.

17 Q It says, "Nick, per Eric's e-mail below, I'm
18 reaching out to you to see what you need from CDI as
19 respects the City of Chicago's implosion permit." Did
20 Nick respond to this e-mail to you?

21 A He may have. If he did, I'm sure you have a
22 copy. And again, the only reason I e-mailed Nick it was
23 at the request of my client.

24 Q Okay. Because prior to this, you had been
25 told not to reach out to the City of Chicago regarding

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1 the implosion permit, correct?

2 A Correct.

3 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith, Hilco, object to
4 form.

5 Q And you only reached out to Nick about the
6 permit because Eric at MCM asked you to?

7 A Yes. Again, I'll be happy to help if they
8 want to spearhead the permit, great, but -- and I'll be
9 happy to help. And I was just -- let me know if he
10 needed any help, yeah, I was there, and if I needed to
11 be at a meeting, let me know, I'll be there.

12 Q Okay. And then can you show 903, please?

13 This is Exhibit 13, Bates stamped CTRL 12782 to 12785.
14 Looking at the second e-mail chain on the first page
15 from you to Nick Pullara and Eric Dovas on
16 March 12, 2020, do you see that?

17 (EXHIBIT 13 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay. And then you say, "Nick, Eric, Tom's
20 going to be onsite to lay out CDI's drilling." And then
21 the -- there's a question at the -- on the next page,
22 "Is there anyone Tom could or would need to meet with on
23 Monday as respects to the permit?" Do you see that?

24 A Yes.

25 Q So why were you asking if Tom could or would

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1 need to meet with anybody on Monday as respects to the
2 permit?

3 A Again, you know, we're -- we're -- we're based
4 outside of Baltimore and the job's in Chicago, so we're
5 not on-site every day. Tom's our licensed Chicago
6 blaster and he can certainly speak as the CDI's
7 operations on-site, you know, was just saying, "Hey,
8 he's there. If you need him to help you out with
9 anything, ask him. If he needs to meet with anybody,
10 he'll be happy to do it." Just letting our client and
11 their client know that someone was going to be there.
12 Just a courtesy call, that's all.

13 Q And did Tom meet with anybody regarding the
14 permit when he was on-site?

15 A Not that I'm aware of, no.

16 Q Okay. Now let's look at 41, please.

17 MR. DEVRIES: Do you know what exhibit number
18 we're on?

19 MS. HAMILTON: This is going to be Exhibit 14.
20 (EXHIBIT 14 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

21 MR. DEVRIES: Thank you.

22 BY MS. HAMILTON:

23 Q This is Exhibit 14, Bates stamped CTRL 161 to
24 162. This is at the top an e-mail from
25 J-M-L-O-I-Z-E-A-U-X@comcast.net to you, Thomas J. Doud

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1 with a CC to Carol E. Groft. Who's J -- whose e-mail
 2 address is J-M-L-O-I-Z-E-A-U-X@comcast.net?
 3 A That's Mark Loizeaux's personal e-mail.
 4 Q I don't remember how to pronounce that,
 5 Loizeaux. And so in this, Mark says, "Ray and Tom,
 6 Carol previously spoke to me about her conversation with
 7 you, Ray, about her concerns that Hilco is apparently
 8 pushing to handle all the permitting on this project. I
 9 agree with Carol completely that CDI is the licensed
 10 blaster in the city and state, and we have obligations
 11 to ensure that all permits are handled properly. From
 12 the e-mail below Ray, it sounds like Nick Pullara of
 13 Hilco wants to be the lead on these communications. You
 14 need to be sure moving forward that we license this
 15 properly and advise regulatory agencies accordingly with
 16 regard to CDI's role as the blasting subcontractor on
 17 the project. Mark." Did you share Mark and Carol's
 18 concerns that Hilco was pushing to handle all the
 19 permitting on this project?

20 MR. BERIBAK: Form.

21 MR. SMITH: This is Mike Smith, Hilco,
 22 objection to form.

23 MS. HAMILTON: He can answer.

24 A Obviously you don't know Mark. It's his
 25 company. He owns it 100 percent and he makes sure

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1 everything is -- is per the company policy and plan.
 2 And that was his e-mail to me and Tom to make sure it
 3 was per -- again, not too often -- it's not very often
 4 that permitting is handled by someone other than us for
 5 our specific part. And he was just saying, hey, just
 6 make sure, you know, CDI's standard, you know, languages
 7 or whatever, or -- or voice and meetings and you know.
 8 Items like that. Again, exclusion zones were submitted
 9 and I'm sure those were passed along to the city and the
 10 plans were probably passed along to the city. Yeah. So
 11 other than Mark expressing concern for his company, you
 12 know, concern for my concerns as well. But again, you
 13 know, as I said earlier, the city came up with a
 14 streamlined version of the permit to meet the needs of
 15 the project and it -- it happened and -- and we all
 16 agreed that it was acceptable.

17 BY MS. HAMILTON:

18 Q When you say we all agreed, who are you
 19 referring to with "we"?

20 A CDI, here at CDI -- here at CDI.

21 Q And when Mark says in this e-mail, "You need
 22 to be sure that we license this properly." What did you
 23 understand that to mean?

24 A It means that we don't proceed unless we have
 25 a permit to do so.

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1 Q And when Mark said, "Advise regulatory
 2 agencies accordingly with regard to CDI's role as the
 3 blasting subcontractor on the project." What did you
 4 understand him to mean there?

5 A You don't know Mark.

6 Q I don't.

7 A He's got a lot of words to come out, so I
 8 didn't -- I didn't read anything into it, honestly.
 9 It's just standard, make sure, you know, we cover our
 10 own butts, take care of our stuff.

11 Q And Mark references a conversation that you
 12 and Carol Groft had about her concerns. What did you
 13 say -- what did Carol say to you and what did you say to
 14 her?

15 A Well, you asked earlier who normally handles
 16 permitting and it's Carol, she's very protective of the
 17 company and her work product. And when she's told that
 18 someone else is doing basically her job for her on this
 19 project, she just wants to make sure it's done to her
 20 satisfaction, that no one gets missed.

21 Q Okay. Did -- was the permitting process for
 22 the Crawford project handled to Carol's satisfaction?

23 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith, Hilco, object to
 24 foundation.

25 Q You can answer.

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1 A As far as I know, yes. And again, we had a
 2 permit in hand from the City of Chicago to proceed with
 3 the shot, you know, the morning of the 11th and we did.

4 Q Okay. Lindsay, can you, pull up 43 please?
 5 This is Exhibit 15, Bates stamped CTRL 156. This is an
 6 e-mail from Mark to you with a copy to Carol Groft on
 7 April 1, 2020 at 11:32 a.m. Do you see that?

8 (EXHIBIT 15 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

9 A Yes.

10 Q And Mark here says, "If you decide" -- in the
 11 second paragraph, "If you decide to join on the call at
 12 2:00 p.m. per Nick Pullara's request in his e-mail this
 13 morning, I want you to tell the attendees that while CDI
 14 normally handles explosives, permitting, and implosion
 15 related communications on our projects, Hilco has
 16 mandated that they handle all implosion related
 17 communications on this project. Given that they're the
 18 main contractor, we have no option but to comply with
 19 their wishes in that regard." You did attend the call
 20 at 2:00 p.m. per Nick's request, correct?

21 A I believe so, yes.

22 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith, Hilco, object to
 23 form.

24 Q Sorry, can you repeat your answer?

25 A I -- I believe so, yes.

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1 Q And did you tell the attendees what Mark is
 2 asking you to tell them in the second paragraph?
 3 A No, because it didn't need to be said. Every
 4 -- everybody involved with the permitting process knew
 5 that Hilco was taking the lead on it and -- and Nick was
 6 the guy spearheading the permit. Yeah. Again, Mark's
 7 concern is for the company, and you know, he's
 8 expressing his concerns to me, but sometimes those
 9 concerns, you know, have already been addressed or don't
 10 need to be mentioned.

11 Q Okay. And another paragraph reads, "On the
 12 call, I want you to cover our explosives delivery and
 13 handling procedures, the exclusion zone/security and the
 14 fact that dust from CDI's operation will likely follow
 15 any prevailing wind or breeze the morning of the shot."
 16 Did you cover the explosive delivery and handling
 17 procedures on the call?

18 A I'm sure we talked about it if it was asked.
 19 And again, those -- I believe those dates were listed in
 20 the plan and procedure. And again, the closure of
 21 Pulaski was for three reasons. A, if -- if something
 22 went wrong and the chimney went the other way, it
 23 would've went across the road and that would present a
 24 public hazard. Two, you can't have people driving by a
 25 power plant hear a loud bang and having them see

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1 something fall over that -- because that will, you know,
 2 cause an issue. And three, you know, dust was going to
 3 go on that road, and it needed to be cleaned up after
 4 the shot. So again, the -- the fact that we were going
 5 to generate dust and it was going to need to be cleaned
 6 from the road was -- was -- was not hidden from anybody.

7 Q Okay. Do you specifically recall on this
 8 April 1st conference call saying that dust from CDI's
 9 operation will likely follow any prevailing wind or
 10 breeze in the morning of the shot or something to that
 11 effect?

12 A No, I don't recall.

13 Q And then moving on the next paragraph states,
 14 "Please state that an appropriate Community Outreach
 15 Program, such as CDI, typically performs is performed by
 16 Hilco to advise community of the schedule, the
 17 unavoidable noise slash dust byproducts of CDI's
 18 operations and the means by which adjacent property
 19 owners can mitigate the impact of CDI's operations on
 20 their properties." Did you state what I just read in
 21 this paragraph on the April 1st conference call?

22 A I don't believe so, no.

23 Q And why didn't you do that?

24 A Again, the permit process was being handled
 25 and it was being handled well and, you know, I -- I -- I

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1 I felt that all the bases were covered as far as CDI's
 2 operations were involved.

3 Q And did you have any role in the Community
 4 Outreach Program performed by Hilco?
 5 A No, I did not.
 6 Q Did you have any input in how the Community
 7 Outreach Program would occur for the Crawford
 8 Demolition?

9 A No, I did not.

10 Q Were you advised by Hilco what the Community
 11 Outreach Program would be for the Crawford Demolition?

12 A No, I was not.

13 Q Okay. And then Mark says next, "It's
 14 important that you put the City of Chicago agencies, our
 15 client, MCM and Hilco, the property owner on notice that
 16 they're assuming responsibility for these items given
 17 that they are preventing CDI from carrying out our
 18 standard procedures in that regard." Did you put the
 19 City of Chicago agencies, MCM and Hilco, on notice that
 20 they were assuming responsibility for the above items?

21 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith, Hilco, object to
 22 form.

23 MR. DEVRIES: MCM joined.

24 Q You can answer.

25 A No, I didn't. Hang on.

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1 Q Why not?

2 A I'm just reading it again.

3 Q Sure.

4 A Again, I didn't -- didn't need it -- I didn't
 5 feel it needed to be said. You know, like I'm -- I'm
 6 low man on the totem pole on this job. You know, it's
 7 not -- not my responsibility to -- to start making waves
 8 when I -- I -- again, I felt the permitting was being
 9 handled properly -- permitting was being handled
 10 properly, excuse me. And the same -- same with
 11 community outreach, we were told not to have, you know,
 12 Community Outreach and permitting was all on Hilco and
 13 that was passed down through MCM and -- and -- and we
 14 decided that that was okay.

15 Q Did you have any concerns about the Crawford
 16 Power Plant being in a community with respect to, you
 17 know, demolishing the chimney?

18 A No, because when I got there, again, I've been
 19 there a couple times, it came off the -- I can't
 20 remember the road and I've never -- I didn't even really
 21 notice the neighborhood, you know, until after all this
 22 happened because normally, we don't have this much room,
 23 so to speak, to take a structure down. I mean, this was
 24 a chimney in the middle of a field that I couldn't hurt
 25 anything if I wanted to. So -- and at the distances

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1 outside, you know, the site, I -- I just honestly didn't
 2 put any thought into it.

3 Q Did you have any other conversations with Mark
 4 about his concerns that he laid out in this e-mail?

5 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith, Hilco, object to
 6 form.

7 Q You can answer.

8 A Not that I recall, no.

9 Q You can put that exhibit down. Thank you,
 10 Lindsay. Did you have any conversations with MCM about
 11 obtaining the blasting permit?

12 A Yeah, Eric and I talked and then after --
 13 after Nick told me that he was going to get it, that was
 14 when I sent the e-mail to Eric, the day after.

15 Q Okay. Did you have any other conversations
 16 with Eric other than the e-mail that you sent him the
 17 day after talking with Nick?

18 A Not that I recall. We could have, I mean,
 19 e-mailed question back and forth.

20 MR. DEVRIES: I'm sorry, Danielle, the question
 21 was about permitting, correct? Conversation about
 22 permit?

23 Q Yes. Yes, it was. Do you recall reaching out
 24 to Heneghan or Heneghan trying to obtain a permit for
 25 the Crawford Demolition?

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1 A No. Heneghan -- Heneghan was brought in after
 2 MCM's contract was terminated, if I remember right.

3 Q Prior to the Crawford demolition, did you have
 4 any conversations with Heneghan?

5 A Yeah, they -- they asked us for a proposal to
 6 -- to give -- to -- to shoot the boilers, if I remember,
 7 possibly all of it. Which is -- which was odd, you
 8 know, because I remember talking internally. That's
 9 kind of puts us in a strange position that, you know,
 10 I'm working for MCM. Why is this third party asking for
 11 a proposal when they're the contractor on the job? No.

12 Q Did you submit a proposal to Heneghan?

13 A I'd have to -- I'd have to check the file.

14 Q Let's look at 881. Okay. This is Exhibit 16,
 15 Bates stamp CTRL 12827 through 12829. This is --
 16 looking at the second e-mail from Jeremy Thourd to you.
 17 Jeremy works for Heneghan Wrecking Company, correct?

18 (EXHIBIT 16 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

19 A Yes. Heneghan.

20 Q Heneghan, sorry. And he wrote, "We have a
 21 very good relationship with the City and believe we can
 22 get the City's approval on this approach to finish the
 23 project safely. We are on board, and we are able to
 24 present it as a cohesive plan together. We would lay
 25 down the groundwork ahead of time before presenting it

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1 as a team if required to ensure it was a smooth process
 2 as possible." Do you know what he is referring to when
 3 he says finishing the project safely?

4 A No, I don't recall. There's more to the
 5 e-mail below. I'm not sure -- I e-mailed him.

6 Q Yeah, why don't you read the whole exhibit and
 7 then let know when you're finished.

8 A All right. Right there please. Okay. Yeah,
 9 they were -- again, they were looking for price to shoot
 10 the boilers in the chimney. At the same time that we
 11 were dealing directly with MCM, which felt odd.

12 Q When you said -- did Jeremy ever get back to
 13 you about -- with your question, what do you think the
 14 chances are of the City approving explosives demolition
 15 approach?

16 A I thought he answered that.

17 Q How did he answer that?

18 A No, did -- didn't he e-mail back? He --
 19 didn't he say -- yeah, above that. Yeah, he -- he
 20 answered, he thought it -- the chances were good. "We
 21 believe we can get the city's approval on the approach
 22 to finish this project safely."

23 Q Were you concerned at all of the City
 24 approving explosives demolition approach?

25 A Again, the -- the concern was time and -- and

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1 the time frame that they wanted. The typical implosion
 2 permitting process is a very long and drawn-out affair
 3 in the City of Chicago. And to -- to meet the timelines
 4 of the project, you know, that was the concern there.

5 Q But you don't recall ever reaching out to
 6 Jeremy at Heneghan or anybody else at Heneghan to help
 7 you obtain -- or to help obtain a blasting permit for
 8 the Crawford implosion, correct?

9 A Correct. I don't -- no conversations with
 10 Heneghan regarding the permits.

11 Q Okay. So on the -- you can put that exhibit
 12 down. Thank you, Lindsay. So on the April 1, 2020
 13 conference call, did anybody else from CDI participate
 14 other than you?

15 A No, I believe it was just me.

16 Q And what was discussed on that conference
 17 call?

18 A Sure just schedule, timing.

19 Q Anything else?

20 A Not that I remember.

21 Q Did any of the agencies on the -- were there
 22 City of Chicago agencies on that conference call?

23 A Yeah, I -- I believe the fire department was
 24 involved in permitting or whatever -- whoever handles
 25 permitting. There was many people on the call, and I

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1 was not given a list of attendees.

2 Q Did anybody on the call have any questions for
3 you?

4 A Not -- I'm sure they did. Nothing specific
5 that I can remember.

6 Q Did you discuss a Community Outreach Program
7 on the April 1, 2020 call?

8 A Not -- again, not that I -- that I remember.
9 If I was asked a question, I'd answer the question.

10 Q Did you discuss dust being an unpreventable
11 byproduct of the implosion on the April 1, 2020
12 conference call?

13 A I'm sure -- I'm sure dust was mentioned.
14 Again, that's why we had to close the road right out
15 front of the plant because it was going to get dusted
16 and people needed an opportunity to clean it up.

17 Q Do you recall any other conversations about
18 dust on the April 1, 2020 conference call other than
19 what you testified to?

20 A No, I do not.

21 Q It's okay. And so the Crawford chimney
22 demolition was on April 11, 2020, correct?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And were you on-site for the demolition?

25 A Yes, I was.

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1 and no one's in the wrong spot. And we go through
2 security checks, you know, internally and with MCM.
3 They check with their people, make sure everybody's
4 where they're supposed to be. You know, Hilco, I
5 believe had a representative there. And the fire
6 department, I believe, had one or two gentlemen there.
7 So -- and that's -- it's a very informal process, just
8 making sure that there's a -- there's a timeline of
9 events in our plan of procedure, but it's -- it's --
10 it's a -- it's a guideline. If it doesn't happen at
11 7:58, then happens at 7:57, whatever. Yeah. It's just
12 as long as everything is in place, everybody is where
13 they're supposed to be. And if everything is in place
14 and where they're supposed to be, and it's safe to
15 proceed, we proceed. And we did.

16 Q To your knowledge, did MCM soak the ground for
17 an hour and 15 minutes before the implosion?

18 MR. DEVRIES: I'll object to foundation for
19 MCM.

20 MR. RICE: Hey, Andrew Rice, CDI. I'll join.
21 Calls for speculation.

22 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith, Hilco. Join.

23 BY MS. HAMILTON:

24 Q You can answer.

25 A I have no way of knowing how long they soaked

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1 Q Okay. Was anybody else from CDI on-site?

2 A Tom Doud and Jesse McClees.

3 Q I'm sorry, what was Jesse's last name?

4 A McClees Capital M-C, capital C-L-E-E-S.

5 Q And what was Tom Doud's role on-site at the
6 demolition?

7 A Tom -- Tom holds our City of Chicago blasters
8 license. He had to be there.

9 Q And what did -- what role did Jesse McClees
10 have on-site?

11 A He was just help us -- hands help loading.

12 Q Did you say pans uploading?

13 A No, hands. Hands to help explosive loading.

14 Q Okay. And take me through what you did when
15 you got on-site for the demolition.

16 A Well, everything was prepared and completed
17 the day before, so the only thing we had to do was make
18 sure that our lines were run out and not run over by a
19 water truck as we talked about previous and make -- I
20 was in charge with the command post. Jesse and -- Jesse
21 and Tom handled the seismographs. And Jesse and Tom
22 were at the firing point, if I remember correctly. So -
23 - and again, command post is established probably around
24 7:00, and that's just checking with -- with everybody
25 involved that the -- the closures are in fact in place

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1 the ground for.

2 Q But to your knowledge, they did soak the
3 ground?

4 A Yes, they had the water trucks running and the
5 DustBosses running.

6 Q Okay. So after the implosion, was the amount
7 of dust that was generated more than you expected?

8 A No, not at all.

9 Q Was it less than you inspect -- expected?

10 A It was exactly what I expected it to be.

11 Q And the dust generated from the implosion
12 migrated off-site, correct?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And are you aware of how far off-site the dust
15 migrated?

16 A No, I'm not.

17 Q Did you expect that dust would migrate
18 off-site after the chimney was demolished?

19 MR. DEVRIES: Objection. Asked and answered.

20 A Correct. Just it's all a function of which
21 way the wind's going to blow. Had the wind been out of
22 a different direction, it would've never went that way.
23 I didn't give it -- I honestly didn't give it any
24 thought. The perimeter was secure, and we proceeded with
25 the shot.

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1 Q So you had no expectations prior to the shot
 2 about how far the dust would migrate off-site?
 3 A I honestly didn't give it any thought.
 4 Q So what did you do after the shot?
 5 A Handed out some handshakes and said thank you
 6 and left.
 7 Q And CDI was responsible for doing some
 8 vibration and air overpressure monitoring, correct?
 9 A Correct. And we did.
 10 Q And did you perform that monitoring?
 11 A Tom actually set the machines up.
 12 Q And so how is -- how did -- how does CDI do
 13 vibration and air overpressure monitoring?

14 A With a seismograph.
 15 Q So do you put a seismograph on the site after
 16 the -- after coming to the site?
 17 A Yeah. We -- we actually place six
 18 seismographs to cover all the way around. And honestly,
 19 they're there to protect us from -- from frivolous
 20 lawsuits because they can't exceed the 140 DBL inside an
 21 exclusion zone or outside the exclusion zone. And --
 22 and the US Bureau of Mines has set of standard as how
 23 much vibration you can generate and those seismographs
 24 prove without any question that those vibration limits
 25 were not exceeded and those noise limits were not

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1 exceeded. They're there to -- they're there to protect
 2 not only CDI, but CDI's client as well.

3 Q And in this case, the seismograph readings,
 4 the results were that -- what were the results of the
 5 seismograph readings?

6 A They were all within industry standards, below
 7 the recommended limits. Through the report, you can
 8 find it. I can talk you through it if need be.

9 MS. HAMILTON: Yeah, let's pull it up. It's
 10 65, please. So this is Exhibit -- what are we on?
 11 17 or 18?

12 COURT REPORTER: I believe this one is 17.

13 BY MS. HAMILTON:

14 Q Okay. Make this 17. This is Bates stamped
 15 CTRL 176 through 181. And the first page of this exhibit
 16 is an e-mail from Mark to edovas@mcm.com copying
 17 you, Tom, Thomas J. Doud, and Carol E. Groft. And it
 18 says, "Eric, attached you will find the vibration and
 19 air overpressure monitoring report for CDI's felling of
 20 a Crawford chimney this past Saturday." And then the
 21 report is attached. So let's go to the third page.

22 (EXHIBIT 17 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

23 COURT REPORTER: Of the overall exhibit or of
 24 the report?

25 MS. HAMILTON: Oh, sorry. Of the overall

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1 exhibit.
 2 BY MS. HAMILTON:
 3 Q So this is an explanation of vibration
 4 monitoring?
 5 A Yes.
 6 Q And the vibration standards is also on that
 7 page, correct?
 8 A Correct, correct.
 9 Q And then the next page shares the peak
 10 overpressure, an explanation of that?
 11 A Uh-huh.
 12 Q And then can you explain to me the
 13 conclusions?
 14 A Can you go to the table that shows the
 15 results? Yeah, page 5.
 16 Q Yeah, let's go to the next page.
 17 A Yeah. So again, depending upon where the --
 18 the seismograph placement was, I believe there was a map
 19 involved. So obviously the closer you are to it, the
 20 louder it's going to be. That would be the DBL numbers
 21 and the maximum PPV is the peak particle velocity. And
 22 just so you know, the -- the -- the standard is I can't
 23 exceed 2.0. And yeah, our highest -- our highest
 24 reading was 0.0.3. So we're nearly ten times -- most of
 25 them were -- were ten times below the standard that

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1 could possibly cause damage regarding vibration. And if
 2 you look at the -- the farther distance is out,
 3 you know, you some air -- air overpressure like 140,
 4 138. Again, that -- the -- the distance is evolved to
 5 anything that could possibly hurt from, you know -- if
 6 it's too loud, you can break windows, too. There's --
 7 there's an aspect there, but the distances we're talking
 8 about, you know, obviously we didn't cause any damage.

9 Q Got it. And so what's the highest DBL that's
 10 within industry standards?

11 A Well, again, the -- the DBL goes back to the
 12 OSHA standard at 140 where I have to start providing
 13 hearing protection to people inside that exclusion zone.
 14 So -- and there was nobody inside the exclusion zone at
 15 the time of the shot. Other than CDI employees.

16 Q Right. And so when Mark said, "You'll note in
 17 this e-mail, you'll note that we were one sixth" -- or
 18 sorry. In the conclusions, if you go to the paragraph --
 19 or the page before, it says, "Ground vibrations and
 20 air overpressure is transmitted to adjacent, above and
 21 below grade structures were less than one-sixth of
 22 generally accepted safe limits for the respective types
 23 of adjacent structures exposures." And what does that
 24 mean?

25 A Again, the -- the -- the limits are -- the

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1 limit he's most likely referring to, or is -- is the
 2 vibration limits. And -- and the air overpressure at
 3 the distances of adjacent improvements to remain, which
 4 would mean businesses around or people's houses around
 5 the site. At -- those you can extrapolate what the
 6 measurements would be by using the data collected close
 7 to the job than -- and going out. But the farther you
 8 go out, the lower it goes. So basically said there's no
 9 way we would've caused damage. Nor did we.

10 Q Right. Okay. Let's look at 156. This is
 11 Exhibit 18. This is Bates stamped Hilco Crawford 2236
 12 to 2237. This is an April 13, 2020 statement to Samir
 13 Mayekar, M-A-Y-E-K-A-R, Deputy Mayor of City of Chicago
 14 from Roberto Perez, Chief Executive Officer of the Hilco
 15 Redevelopment Partners. Did you have any involvement in
 16 the creation of this document?

17 (EXHIBIT 18 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

18 A No, this -- the first time I saw this was when
 19 I was transmitted to me today.

20 Q Okay. So you've never seen this document
 21 before today's deposition.

22 A Correct.

23 Q Okay. So under response to the mayor about
 24 halfway through, it says, "It is the responsibility of
 25 the contractor to secure all appropriate permits and

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1 approvals, which was done." Was it the responsibility
 2 of CDI to secure all appropriate permits and approvals?

3 A No.

4 Q Was it MCM's responsibility?

5 MR. DEVRIES: I'll object to -- MCM, I'll
 6 object to foundation. The witness can answer.

7 MR. SMITH: Hilco joins.

8 A So it is the responsibility of the contractor
 9 to secure all appropriate permits and approval, which
 10 was done. So -- they're saying they had all the proper
 11 permits and approvals to proceed.

12 BY MS. HAMILTON:

13 Q Right. Do you agree with this statement that
 14 it is the responsibility of the contractor to secure all
 15 appropriate permits and approvals?

16 A Who's the contractor?

17 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith -- Michael Smith,
 18 Hilco. Object to foundation.

19 Q Well?

20 A Who -- who defined the contractor that this --
 21 you'd have to talk to the author of this letter to -- to
 22 ask them who they're saying the contractor is.

23 Q So the first sentence reads, "HPR is working
 24 cooperative with the City of Chicago to review
 25 Saturday's demolition event undertaken by HRP'S

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1 demolition contractor."

2 A That would be -- that would be MCM.

3 Q Okay. So is it the responsibility of MCM to
 4 secure all appropriate permits and approvals?

5 MR. DEVRIES: Object to foundation.

6 Q You can answer.

7 MR. RICE: Andrew Rice, and I join.

8 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith, Hilco, join.

9 Q You can answer.

10 A Again, I -- I don't know what permits exactly
 11 MCM was required to -- to -- to have to do the
 12 demolition job. It's not my -- not my job to check on
 13 them.

14 Q Typically when you -- when you do demolition
 15 jobs, it's CDI's responsibility to get the appropriate
 16 permits and approvals, correct?

17 A Explosives related permits, yes.

18 Q Okay.

19 A Everything else is not our responsibility.

20 Q Okay. All right. Then another sentence
 21 reads, "While our review is ongoing, it is our initial
 22 conclusion that although all regulatory steps were taken
 23 and all procedures were followed by our contractor to
 24 conduct a proper implosion, dust suppression efforts
 25 utilized by our demolition contractor were

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1 insufficient." Were all procedures followed by CDI to
 2 conduct a proper implosion?

3 A Yes, as far as filling the chimney, we did
 4 exactly what we said we were going to do and it was
 5 perfect shot.

6 Q And do you agree that the dust suppression
 7 efforts utilized by the demolition contractor -- Hilco's
 8 demolition contractor were insufficient?

9 MR. DEVRIES: MCM. This is MCM. I'll object
 10 to the form of question.

11 MR. SMITH: Hilco, object to form as well. And
 12 foundation.

13 MR. RICE: CDI joins.

14 BY MS. HAMILTON:

15 Q You can answer.

16 A Again, it's not -- not my scope of work to
 17 determine if -- if my client is doing their job
 18 correctly. They -- they had a dust prevention plan or
 19 mitigation plan, which was implemented the morning of
 20 and the structure was brought safely to the ground. At
 21 -- at that point in time, my contract responsibilities
 22 are over, and I left.

23 Q Do you have an opinion as to whether the dust
 24 suppression efforts utilized by MCM were insufficient?

25 MR. DEVRIES: MCM will object to form of the

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 142</p> <p>1 question.</p> <p>2 MR. RICE: CDI joins.</p> <p>3 MR. SMITH: Hilco joins.</p> <p>4 BY MS. HAMILTON:</p> <p>5 Q You can answer.</p> <p>6 A In my opinion, they did industry standard</p> <p>7 effort to mitigate the dust.</p> <p>8 Q So you believe that the -- in this -- the --</p> <p>9 you believe that the dust mitigation efforts by MCM were</p> <p>10 sufficient, correct?</p> <p>11 A They -- they --</p> <p>12 MR. DEVRIES: This is MCM. I'll object to the</p> <p>13 form of the question.</p> <p>14 A Yes. Again, they did what any other</p> <p>15 contractor that I'm used to dealing with would've done</p> <p>16 to mitigate the dust the morning of the shot.</p> <p>17 Q So you disagree with this statement by Hilco</p> <p>18 here that says, "The dust efforts utilized by our</p> <p>19 demolition contractor were insufficient"?</p> <p>20 MR. SMITH: Object to form. Michael Smith for</p> <p>21 Hilco.</p> <p>22 MR. RICE: CDI join.</p> <p>23 MR. DEVRIES: MCM will join.</p> <p>24 A I -- I don't agree or disagree with the</p> <p>25 statement. It's not for me to say.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 144</p> <p>1 Chicago, including but not limited to, the dust</p> <p>2 mitigation plan and protocol?</p> <p>3 A The permit issued by the city has no mention</p> <p>4 of dust.</p> <p>5 Q So --</p> <p>6 A There's no -- there's -- the City did not</p> <p>7 require a dust permit.</p> <p>8 Q So is this statement inaccurate?</p> <p>9 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith, Hilco, object to</p> <p>10 form.</p> <p>11 Q You can answer.</p> <p>12 A I -- I have no idea what Hilco could expect</p> <p>13 from us. It's impossible for me to answer. And let's</p> <p>14 jump down to the third paragraph that "despite the</p> <p>15 assurances we received from our implosion expert, the</p> <p>16 measures that were implemented were not." Those -- that</p> <p>17 never came from controlled demolition. I don't know who</p> <p>18 this Roberto Perez guy is but sounds like someone's</p> <p>19 throwing someone else under the bus here because we</p> <p>20 never made those assurances, I promise you.</p> <p>21 Q So CDI never made assurances to Hilco that the</p> <p>22 measures that were to be implemented were -- oh, sorry.</p> <p>23 CDI did not make any assurances to Hilco regarding dust</p> <p>24 mitigation, correct?</p> <p>25 A Never -- never said that -- not sufficient to</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 143</p> <p>1 BY MS. HAMILTON:</p> <p>2 Q Okay. Let's look at 154. This is Exhibit 19.</p> <p>3 Bates stamp CTR -- oh, sorry. Hilco Crawford 17928</p> <p>4 through 17929. This is April 14, 2020. A statement</p> <p>5 from Hilco redevelopment partner, CEO Roberto Perez.</p> <p>6 Have you seen this document before?</p> <p>7 (EXHIBIT 19 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)</p> <p>8 A Not until this morning.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. So this morning was the first time you</p> <p>10 saw this document, correct?</p> <p>11 A Yes.</p> <p>12 Q And you had no involvement in the creation of</p> <p>13 this document, correct?</p> <p>14 A Correct.</p> <p>15 Q And the second paragraph reads, "The implosion</p> <p>16 process was conducted by one of the most recognized</p> <p>17 implosion experts in the country who was hired by our</p> <p>18 primary demolition contractor on site. Hilco</p> <p>19 Redevelopment Partners expected the implosion expert</p> <p>20 that was engaged to follow the plan submitted to, and</p> <p>21 the permit issued by, the City of Chicago, including but</p> <p>22 not limited to, the dust mitigation plan and protocol,</p> <p>23 which included on-site water to be used before, during</p> <p>24 and after the implosion." Was CDI engaged to follow the</p> <p>25 plan submitted to, and the permit issued by, the City of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 145</p> <p>1 contain the dust that migrated off-site. No, we did</p> <p>2 not.</p> <p>3 Q So this statement, this sentence by Roberto</p> <p>4 Perez, is inaccurate, correct?</p> <p>5 A As -- as far as my role on the project, yes.</p> <p>6 Q Okay.</p> <p>7 A Again, dust is not our responsibility for our</p> <p>8 contract with MCM. And I -- you know, why would I start</p> <p>9 making promises to people that I'm not even contracted?</p> <p>10 Nor would I.</p> <p>11 Q Did you make any assurances to contain the</p> <p>12 dust that migrated off-site or just to contain the dust</p> <p>13 to MCM?</p> <p>14 A No. Again, I hate to reiterate it for the</p> <p>15 fifteenth time. Dust is not our responsibility. The</p> <p>16 control of it, the clean-up of it. Again, it's not part</p> <p>17 of my contract. And we were hired to do a very specific</p> <p>18 task, which we did.</p> <p>19 Q Do you have any idea why Roberto Perez stated</p> <p>20 that he received assurances from CDI about containing</p> <p>21 the dust?</p> <p>22 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith for Hilco, object to</p> <p>23 foundation.</p> <p>24 MR. RICE: Andrew Rice, CDI, join, and</p> <p>25 speculation.</p>

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1 Q You can answer.

2 A I -- I -- I have no idea where he came to
3 this.

4 Q And I take it, you've never had any
5 conversations with Roberto Perez about the Crawford
6 demolition?

7 A I think I may have seen the man once and said
8 hello, but we certainly never had a conversation.

9 Q Okay. And just to be crystal clear, you the
10 implosion expert, you were never engaged to do a dust
11 mitigation plan and protocol, correct?

12 A Correct.

13 Q Do you have any idea why Roberto Perez said
14 that you were in this statement?

15 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith, Hilco. Object to
16 form and foundation.

17 MR. RICE: CDI join.

18 BY MS. HAMILTON:

19 Q You can answer.

20 A I have no idea why he said it.

21 Q Okay. Let's look at 153. This is Exhibit 20,
22 Bates stamped PL 1 through 95, I think. 96. This is a
23 April 16, 2020 electronic mail to Mayor Lightfoot from -
24 - you'd look on the second page, you see that it's from
25 Roberto Perez, CEO of Healthcare Redevelopment Partners.

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1 Do you see that?

2 (EXHIBIT 20 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

3 A Yes.

4 Q And on page 3, it says Exhibit A, Description
5 of Events on April 11, 2020. Do you see that?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And it reads, "As part of the planning for the
8 implosion, the projects demolition contractor, MCM
9 Management Corporation, MCM reported to HRP, that MCM
10 and its relevant subcontractors developed and
11 implemented a dust control plan, which included numerous
12 efforts to control and mitigate dust emissions from the
13 Site." Did you, along with MCM, develop and implement a
14 dust control plan, which included numerous efforts to
15 control and mitigate dust emissions from the site?

16 A No, CDI had no involvement whatsoever with the
17 dust control plan.

18 Q Do you have any idea who the relevance
19 subcontractors are in this document?

20 A No idea.

21 Q But it's not CDI, correct?

22 A Again, contractually dust mitigation clean-up
23 is not our scope of work, so I have no idea who he's
24 referring to.

25 Q Are you aware of any subcontractors that

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1 developed and implemented a dust control plan along with

2 CD -- along with MCM?

3 A No, I'm not.

4 Q Okay. And let's look at 152. This is Exhibit
5 21. It's Bates stamped Hilco Crawford 22789. This is
6 an e-mail from Eve to Roberto Perez. Actually, let's
7 look at the second e-mail chain. It's from Gary Epstein
8 to Roberto Perez with a CC to Jeremy Grey. Do you know
9 Gary Epstein?

10 (EXHIBIT 21 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

11 A Do I know Gary Epstein, no.

12 Q Yes.

13 A I do not know him, no.

14 Q Do you know Jeremy Grey?

15 A No. The only person I dealt with at Hilco was
16 -- was Nick.

17 Q Okay. And did you know anybody else at MCM
18 besides Eric Dovas and Aaron Fitch?

19 A Yeah, I know a lot of people there. We worked
20 together for years.

21 Q As concerns the Crawford project, did you have
22 any other contacts at MCM other than Eric Dovas and
23 Aaron Fitch?

24 A Yes, there was Leroy was there and -- and
25 Dennis was there. Leroy Stults, I believe his last name,

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1 and Dennis Johnson.

2 Q Okay. And in this e-mail chain, Gary writes,
3 "We deeply regret the unintended consequences caused by
4 our contractor, resulting in the dust that crossed into
5 the neighborhood." Do you believe that the unintended
6 consequences resulting in dust that cross into the
7 neighborhood was caused by
8 CDI?

9 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith, Hilco, object to
10 form and foundation.

11 MR. RICE: Andrew Rice, CDI joins.

12 BY MS. HAMILTON:

13 Q You can answer.

14 A Can you ask it again, please?

15 Q Sure. Do you believe the unintended
16 consequences caused, or -- excuse me. Do you believe
17 that the unintended consequences that resulted in the
18 dust that crossed into the neighborhood after the
19 Crawford chimney demolition, do you believe that those
20 unintended consequences were caused by
21 CDI?

22 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith, Hilco, object to
23 form and foundation.

24 MR. DEVRIES: MCM will join.

25 MR. RICE: CDI joins.

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 150</p> <p>1 BY MS. HAMILTON:</p> <p>2 Q You can answer.</p> <p>3 A Ma'am, no, I do not.</p> <p>4 Q Do you believe that the unintended 5 consequences resulting in dust crossing the neighborhood 6 was caused by MCM?</p> <p>7 MR. DEVRIES: MCM objects to the form of the 8 question.</p> <p>9 Q You can answer.</p> <p>10 A No. The -- the wind was responsible for the 11 dust leaving the job.</p> <p>12 Q Were there any other causes of the dust 13 leaving the job other than wind?</p> <p>14 A No.</p> <p>15 Q Do you believe that the unintended 16 consequences of the dust crossing into the neighborhood 17 was caused by Hilco?</p> <p>18 MR. SMITH: Again, Hilco, objection to form and 19 foundation.</p> <p>20 A Again, no. No -- no company or -- or 21 individual has any control which way the wind's going to 22 blow. Had the wind been blowing in the opposite 23 direction, we wouldn't be having this conversation 24 today.</p> <p>25 Q Could CDI, MCM, or Hilco have picked a day to</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 152</p> <p>1 you actually read this whole document. It's not very 2 long. And let me know what you've done reading it.</p> <p>3 (EXHIBIT 22 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)</p> <p>4 A Okay. Next page, please. Okay.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. So going back to the second page, 6 second paragraph, "Contractor's breaches of the 7 agreement resulting from the stack implosion or 8 innumerable and by their nature incurable. Do you agree 9 with that statement?</p> <p>10 MR. DEVRIES: I'm going to object. MCM objects 11 to form. Foundation, and any testimony frankly, 12 about a letter from Hilco to MCM about its contract.</p> <p>13 BY MS. HAMILTON:</p> <p>14 Q You can answer. Oh, I'm sorry. Go ahead.</p> <p>15 A CDI has no privity of contract between MCM and 16 Hilco. I mean, I have no idea what their contract says. 17 Never saw it. Don't want to see it. It's not -- not my 18 business to know.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. Well, having just looked at the 20 contract, do you think that --</p> <p>21 A That's not the -- this is just a letter.</p> <p>22 Q I'm sorry.</p> <p>23 A Their contract could be 50 pages long for all 24 I know. And again, our contract with MCM is very clear 25 and -- and -- and, you know, we take exceptions to a lot</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 151</p> <p>1 do the Crawford chimney demolition to prevent dust from 2 crossing into the neighborhood?</p> <p>3 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith, Hilco, object to 4 foundation.</p> <p>5 MR. RICE: CDI joins. It assumes that CDI had 6 some involvement.</p> <p>7 MR. DEVRIES: And MCM will join as well as 8 calls for speculation.</p> <p>9 BY MS. HAMILTON:</p> <p>10 Q You can answer.</p> <p>11 A No. I mean, are we just supposed to stand 12 around and -- and not work and -- and -- and wait for 13 days, weeks, months, when the vast majority of city 14 officials and agencies are involved and make sure this 15 is done, you know, per the permit and per the time 16 stated, it's not a reasonable expectation.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. Let's look at 155. This is Exhibit 22. 18 Bates stamped Hilco Crawford 12502 to 12504. Let's go 19 to the second page. This is a Termination Notice to 20 Robert Mardigian, M-A-R-D-I-G-I-A-N, dated April 28, 21 2020. Let's go to the second page, third paragraph. 22 I'm sorry, second paragraph, it says, "Contractor's 23 breaches of the agreement resulting from the stack 24 implosion are innumerable and by their nature 25 incurable." Sorry. Let me back up and just -- why don't</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 153</p> <p>1 of things and maybe MCM didn't do that with theirs. I 2 don't know. I -- I can't say. This is -- this is 3 business between Hilco and MCM, and CDI has no part of 4 it.</p> <p>5 Q So do you believe, going back up to the first 6 page, as to the part of the agreement between Hilco and 7 MCM that's in quotes, "In the performance of the work, 8 contractor shall take all required measures to prevent 9 impacts to the property and any neighboring properties 10 resulting from dust, noise, truck traffic, vibration and 11 other nuisances resulting from the work. Contractors 12 shall be liable for any loss of or damage to any such 13 property that is caused by the action or neglect of 14 contract for any of its subcontractors." Do you believe 15 that MCM breached that agreement?</p> <p>16 MR. DEVRIES: MCM, again, objects to form. 17 Foundation and asking this witness to opine on 18 whether MCM breached its contract with Hilco.</p> <p>19 MR. RICE: CDI will join.</p> <p>20 MR. SMITH: Hilco joins.</p> <p>21 BY MS. HAMILTON:</p> <p>22 Q You can answer.</p> <p>23 A I have no idea if that's even part of the 24 contract. Without having -- without having the contract 25 in hand in front of me, I'm -- I'm not going to answer</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 154</p> <p>1 the question. It's not -- it's not my position to 2 answer that question. It's MCM's agreement with -- with 3 their client.</p> <p>4 Q Okay. If the contract has this paragraph that 5 I've just read, do you think that MCM breached its -- 6 this part of the contract with Hilco?</p> <p>7 MR. DEVRIES: This is MCM, same objections. 8 MR. RICE: CDI will join, and an incomplete 9 hypothetical. 10 MR. SMITH: Hilco joins. 11 BY MS. HAMILTON: 12 Q You can answer. 13 A It's not for me to say what Hilco thinks or 14 who -- whomever decided to terminate the contract 15 thinks. No idea what they thought. 16 Q Well, I'm not asking you what Hilco thinks. 17 I'm asking what you think. 18 A It doesn't matter what I think. It's -- it's 19 -- it's -- you're asking me something that I've no 20 knowledge of. You're asking me questions about a 21 contract that I've never seen before, and it's not -- my 22 opinion on their contract doesn't matter. It's between 23 Hilco and MCM. 24 Q Well, I'm asking for your opinion of whether 25 or not you believe this section of the agreement that</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 156</p> <p>1 A What? 2 MR. DEVRIES: Did you say a dust bomb? 3 MS. HAMILTON: I did. 4 MR. DEVRIES: I'll object to the form of the 5 question. And can I just have like a standing 6 objection on you asking the witness about MCM's 7 contract with Hilco? 8 MS. HAMILTON: Yes. 9 MR. DEVRIES: Thank you. 10 MR. RICE: Yeah, I will join. 11 MR. SMITH: Hilco joins. 12 BY MS. HAMILTON: 13 Q You can answer. 14 A Ask the question again, please. 15 Q Was it permissible under this agreement, 16 particularly sections that I've read here that's in 17 quotes, to let a dust bomb circulate through the 18 neighborhood after the Crawford demolition? 19 A Dust bomb, really? Define dust bomb. Whose 20 words are those? Dust left the -- dust -- dust left the 21 site. That's it. I mean, it wasn't a dust bomb. That 22 implies something nefarious was planned. So I can't 23 answer that question. Again, I'm -- I'm -- I'm not 24 going to answer questions about the contract between 25 Hilco and MCM. That's not my business. I've never seen</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 155</p> <p>1 I've just read that is in quotes was breached? 2 A I would -- 3 MR. DEVRIES: MCM. I'm going to make the same 4 objections and asked and answered now a few times. 5 MR. RICE: CDI will join and I think he's 6 already answered this, that he doesn't have an 7 opinion, so -- 8 MR. SMITH: Hilco joins. 9 MS. HAMILTON: Well, he said his opinion 10 doesn't matter, and I want to know what the opinion 11 is. 12 MR. DEVRIES: I think he specifically said he 13 had no opinion. We could review the transcript, but 14 that is what he said previously. And I don't mind 15 if Ray says it again, but he said more than once, he 16 doesn't have an opinion on this. Ray, you can 17 answer the question if you'd like. 18 A Again, I have no opinion on this. Not my 19 business. 20 BY MS. HAMILTON: 21 Q Under this agreement that is in quotes here 22 that I've read, was it permissible to let a dust bomb 23 circulate through the neighborhood after the Crawford 24 demolition? 25 MR. DEVRIES: Object to form.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 157</p> <p>1 their contract, nor do I want to. 2 Q I'm showing you a part of their contract. 3 It's in quotes. 4 MR. DRISCOLL: Wait. Just real quick. Are you 5 refusing to answer the question, Mr. Zukowski? Are 6 you refusing to answer the question? 7 THE WITNESS: My answer is not going to change. 8 MR. DRISCOLL: Well, that's not my -- I'm 9 asking, are you definitively refusing to answer the 10 question, yes or no? It's a yes or no question. 11 Are you definitively refusing to ask -- the answer 12 the question? 13 THE WITNESS: The one about the dust bomb or 14 the one about the contract? 15 MR. DRISCOLL: Yes. This -- the last question 16 that was asked, sir, are you -- 17 THE WITNESS: Yes. Yes. 18 MR. DRISCOLL: -- definitely refusing? 19 A Okay. I object to the word dust bomb. Dust 20 words, dust bomb. And I'm not going to answer that, no. 21 BY MS. HAMILTON: 22 Q Okay. Was it permissible under the provision 23 of the contract that is in quotes that I've read to you 24 and showed you to let dust circulate through the 25 neighborhood after the Crawford demolition?</p>

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1 MR. DEVRIES: In addition to MCM's standing
 2 objection, I object to the form of the question.
 3 A The day of the event or every day that dust
 4 left the site? Dust left that site every day of the
 5 week. Trust me.

6 Q After the implosion, the day of the implosion,
 7 was it permissible under this provision of the contract
 8 to let dust circulate through the neighborhood?

9 MR. DEVRIES: Same standing objections and form
 10 and vague.

11 A Yeah. Yeah, it's vague. And -- and it's not
 12 for me to interpret their contract. You talk to me
 13 about my contract with MCM, I'll be extremely specific
 14 on how it's interpreted and -- and stuff of that nature,
 15 but this is not my responsibility.

16 Q So are you also refusing to answer this
 17 question?

18 A I just did. I -- I -- you're asking for --
 19 for me to interpret someone else's writings.

20 MR. DEVRIES: Yeah, I --

21 A I -- I can't do that. You're asking me to --
 22 to -- to, you know, opine on something that -- that I
 23 have no -- A, I have never read before, nor did I write
 24 or B, did I have a chance to read it before today.

25 MR. DEVRIES: This is MCM. I just want to put

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1 on the record the witness is answering these
 2 questions. I mean, and to treat him --

3 MR. DRISCOLL: No he's not.

4 MR. DEVRIES: -- as he's not. He is.

5 MR. DRISCOLL: No he is not.

6 MR. DEVRIES: He answered them, Sean. You
 7 don't like his answer.

8 MR. DRISCOLL: This is Plaintiff Sean Driscoll
 9 representing in the state matter. He is not
 10 answering the questions.

11 MR. RICE: I would completely object, Sean.
 12 He's answered this question more than once and has
 13 provided the fact that he doesn't have an opinion on
 14 this. I don't know how else you want him to answer
 15 the question, but --

16 MR. DRISCOLL: He is not answering the
 17 questions. And if we want to go in and we can sit
 18 here and we can argue a little bit more, but we'll
 19 go in on a motion, but he is not answering the
 20 questions. And for him to also pontificate of
 21 saying how a question is vague is also
 22 inappropriate. Counsel was correct before to
 23 indicate that there were inappropriate speaking
 24 objections. So either he is going to answer it, or
 25 he is not going to answer it.

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1 BY MS. HAMILTON:

2 Q Mr. Zukowski, can you answer yes or no, was it
 3 permissible under the provision of the contract that
 4 I've read that's quoted here whether to let dust
 5 circulate through the neighborhood on the day of the
 6 implosion?

7 MR. DEVRIES: MCM raises its standing
 8 objections and also form.

9 MR. RICE: CDI joins.

10 MR. SMITH: Hilco joins.

11 A I'm just reading it again. Contracts will
 12 take all required measures to prevent the impacts to the
 13 property in any from da, da, da, da. The -- in my
 14 opinion, MCM took those measures to prevent the impacts.
 15 They made the attempt to control the dust.

16 BY MS. HAMILTON:

17 Q Okay. So in your opinion, did MCM breach this
 18 provision of the contract?

19 MR. DEVRIES: Asked and answered. Standing
 20 objections, not listening to his last answer.

21 MS. HAMILTON: That's not an objection.

22 MR. DEVRIES: Yeah. Well, it's frustrating to
 23 hear the same question over and over again when he
 24 has answered it.

25 MS. HAMILTON: Well, I appreciate that you feel

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1 that way, but you can make objections, state what
 2 your basis of your objection is, and please don't
 3 make speaking objections. Can you answer the
 4 question, Mr. Zukowski?

5 MR. DEVRIES: I'll withdraw my last part of my
 6 objection.

7 MR. RICE: CDI joins, asked and answered.

8 MR. SMITH: Hilco joins, form. Foundation.

9 BY MS. HAMILTON:

10 Q You can answer.

11 A I answered my last answer. I believe the
 12 contractor took required measures the day of to mitigate
 13 the dust.

14 Q So in -- is your answer that you believe that
 15 MCM did not breach its agreement with Hilco, the
 16 provision that I've read?

17 MR. DEVRIES: MCM makes the same objections to
 18 the last several questions.

19 MR. RICE: CDI joins.

20 MR. SMITH: Hilco joins.

21 BY MS. HAMILTON:

22 Q You can answer.

23 A It's not a yes or no answer. It -- it can't
 24 be yes or no. It -- you're asking me specific questions
 25 about things that are not my responsibility, nor do I

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1 have any knowledge of prior to seeing this put in front
2 of my face ten minutes ago.

3 Q So you cannot answer the question yes or no as
4 to whether or not MCM breached its agreement, breached
5 this provision of the agreement with Hilco, you cannot
6 answer that question yes or no?

7 A I cannot answer that question yes or no.

8 Q Okay. In your opinion, did CDI breach its
9 agreement with MCM?

10 A No.

11 Q Okay. You can put this exhibit down. Thank
12 you, Lindsay. Did you have any involvement in Community
13 Outreach after the demolition?

14 A No, the structure was on the ground, and we
15 left.

16 Q Do you know what Hilco or MCM did with regard
17 to Community Outreach following the demolition?

18 A No.

19 Q Did you have any conversations with Hilco or
20 MCM about Community Outreach after the demolition?

21 A No.

22 Q Did you have any involvement in testing the
23 off-site dust after the demolition?

24 A No.

25 Q Do you know whether Hilco or MCM tested the

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1 remediation efforts after the demolition?

2 A No.

3 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith, Hilco, objection.
4 Form and foundation.

5 Q Do you know what MCM did with regard to
6 remediation efforts after the demolition?

7 MR. DEVRIES: MCM objects. Form and
8 foundation.

9 Q I didn't hear your answer if you gave one.

10 A No, the answer is no.

11 Q Did you have any conversations with Hilco or
12 MCM about remediation efforts after the demolition?

13 A No.

14 MS. HAMILTON: Okay. Can we take a ten-minute
15 break?

16 COURT REPORTER: Yeah. We are going off the
17 record. The current time is 3:26 p.m. Eastern
18 Standard time.

19 (OFF THE RECORD)

20 COURT REPORTER: All righty. We are back on
21 the record for the deposition of Ray Zukowski on
22 February 6, 2023. The current time is 3:41 p.m.
23 Eastern Standard Time. You may continue.

24 MS. HAMILTON: Mr. Zukowski, I don't have any
25 further questions for you. Some of the other

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1 off-site dust after the demolition?

2 A I know somebody did. There's reports out
3 there. I haven't seen them, but I was made aware of
4 them.

5 Q Do you know who tested the off-site dust?

6 A No.

7 Q Did you have any conversations with Hilco or
8 MCM about testing the off-site dust after the
9 demolition?

10 A No.

11 Q Did you have any involvement in any
12 remediation efforts in the Little Village neighborhood
13 after the demolition?

14 A No.

15 Q Did you talk to any Little Village residents
16 after the demolition?

17 A No.

18 Q Did you provide any supplies to any Little
19 Village residents such as air furnaces -- air furnace
20 filters or masks?

21 A No.

22 Q Did you undertake any street sweeping measures
23 of the areas impacted by the demolition?

24 A No.

25 Q Do you know what Hilco did with regard to

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1 plaintiff's counsel will ask you questions next.
2 Thanks you for -- thank you for your time.

3 THE WITNESS: You're welcome. Thank you.

4 MR. DRISCOLL: I'm assuming Carrie and
5 Stephanie, do you mind if I go next?

6 MS. COTTER: Go ahead.

7 CROSS EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. DRISCOLL:

9 Q Mr. Zukowski, my name is Sean Driscoll. How
10 are you today?

11 A I'm doing well, thank you.

12 Q Good. Explain to me what CDI does for its
13 business.

14 A We travel the world, and we blow things up.

15 Q So do you consider yourself an implosion
16 expert?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And how long have you been an implosion expert
19 for?

20 A Well, that's a -- that would be -- that would
21 be my boss' call, not mine.

22 Q All right.

23 A Obviously when I -- when -- when I first
24 started 27 years ago, I didn't know any of it.

25 Q Got you. Well, let me ask you this. At the

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1 time of this implosion, did you consider yourself an
 2 implosion expert?
 3 A Yes.
 4 Q And it's my understanding that as part of
 5 CDI's business, they've imploded hundreds if not
 6 thousands of chimneys, correct? Or smokestacks?
 7 A Definitely -- definitely hundreds.
 8 Q Definitely hundreds. And when doing the
 9 implosion, you guys essentially incorporate and utilize
 10 methodologies for speed and efficiency, correct?
 11 A To -- to bring it to grade or --
 12 Q Yeah.
 13 A Yes. It's -- it's a -- it's a faster method.
 14 Q All right. And the reason why you do that is
 15 you want to limit the exposure to personnel and
 16 facilities to any potential risks, correct?
 17 A Not us, but our -- our clients. Again, we get
 18 asked to do this. We're not, you know, knocking on doors
 19 saying, "Hey, I think you -- you should let us do this,"
 20 so we're assisting our --
 21 Q Well, I --
 22 A We're assisting our clients in a -- a quicker,
 23 time saving, and cheaper method.
 24 Q And your client in this case was MCM?
 25 A Yes.

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1 implosion?
 2 A No year's typical, but this year we had, you
 3 know, two projects running concurrently as we talked
 4 about earlier, with the Beckjord project and the
 5 Crawford project.
 6 Q Got it. And have you taken the OSHA 30?
 7 A Have I?
 8 Q Yes.
 9 A I know I've done HAZWOPER. I don't think I've
 10 taken specifically
 11 30.
 12 Q Okay.
 13 A Did HAZWOPER before.
 14 Q Do you have a CV or anything like that, that
 15 specifically delineates which OSHA courses you've taken?
 16 A It's -- yes, I have a CV, and it would be on
 17 there in training.
 18 Q Okay. Are you aware that OSHA has a dust
 19 mitigation course for construction training?
 20 A I'm not aware, no.
 21 Q All right. Have you or anyone working for CDI
 22 taken the OSHA course regarding dust mitigation for
 23 construction training?
 24 A Not to my knowledge, unless it's part of the
 25 OSHA 30 overall course.

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1 Q All right. And prior to this, how many
 2 different occasions do you think you actually imploded a
 3 smokestack similar to the one that was subject to this
 4 litigation for MCM?
 5 A No, it's -- can we not use the word
 6 smokestack? It's -- it's not -- technically incorrect.
 7 So --
 8 Q All right. Would you rather use chimney?
 9 A Chimney, please, yes.
 10 Q All right.
 11 A Yes.
 12 Q And I appreciate it. If there's any part in
 13 this deposition where you prefer different nomenclature
 14 that is more specific to your industry, let me know so
 15 at least we're speaking on the same terms, okay?
 16 A Will do.
 17 Q So we're talking about chimneys. Prior to
 18 this implosion, on how many occasions do you think you
 19 did an implosion of a chimney for MCM?
 20 A Me personally, I don't believe I've -- I've
 21 done -- I'd have to check the -- the -- the files, but
 22 I'm -- I'm -- I'm assuming we've done other chimneys for
 23 MCM. I know we've done numerous other projects.
 24 Q In any given year, how many contracts have you
 25 executed with MCM to do some type of demolition or

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1 Q Well, let me ask you this. You in your, you
 2 know, experience of being an expert in implosion, have
 3 you ever taken a course by any entity or seminar
 4 regarding dust mitigation?
 5 A I have not, no.
 6 Q Have you ever been contracted to handle dust
 7 mitigation services or measures on a construction
 8 project?
 9 A No.
 10 Q Okay. If you had to describe for someone what
 11 MCM does for a business, how would you do that?
 12 MR. DEVRIES: Just MCM will object to
 13 foundation.
 14 Q All right. Here, let me rephrase, and I'll
 15 set the foundation. You have worked with MCM on multiple
 16 occasions, true?
 17 A True.
 18 Q You have negotiated multiple contracts with
 19 MCM, true?
 20 A Two, specifically. Yes.
 21 Q What is your general understanding of what MCM
 22 is in the business of doing?
 23 MR. DEVRIES: Same. MCM will still object to
 24 foundation. You can answer.
 25 A They're a demolition contractor.

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1 Q All right. And if you had to explain to 12
 2 people who aren't in the construction industry, and
 3 don't do what you do, what a demolition contractor is,
 4 how would you describe that to them?

5 A They take down buildings and bridges and
 6 chimneys. I mean, they -- they demolish things, and I
 7 don't know any other way to say it.

8 Q All right. And when they're -- would you
 9 agree with me when taking down certain structures such
 10 as chimneys, they have an obligation to do dust
 11 mitigation measures, true?

12 MR. DEVRIES: Object to the form. Foundation.

13 MR. RICE: CDI joins.

14 MR. DEVRIES: That's MCM, I'm sorry.

15 BY MR. DRISCOLL:

16 Q Is -- you would agree with me that, as a
 17 demolition contractor with your 27 years' experience in
 18 the industry, that they need to take measures for dust
 19 mitigation, true?

20 MR. DEVRIES: MCM objects to form. Foundation.

21 Q You can answer. I can't hear you because he's
 22 objecting and you're answering at the same time, and
 23 we're on Zoom, and so can you answer the question, sir?

24 A Yes, they should be, you know -- dust is part
 25 of any demolition project, and obviously they're a

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1 Q Sir, you can answer.

2 A Yes.

3 Q All right. And with your 27 years of
 4 experience in the industry and getting demolition
 5 permits, it's your understanding that the person who
 6 procures the permit is also responsible for dust
 7 mitigation, true?

8 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith, Hilco, objection.

9 Form. Foundation.

10 MR. DEVRIES: MCM will join.

11 BY MR. DRISCOLL:

12 Q My statement is true, correct?

13 A No.

14 Q Are you saying that the City of Chicago does
 15 not put in -- does not have regulations or rules in
 16 which someone who obtains a permit for demolition must
 17 have a dust mitigation plan?

18 A CDI's responsibility on this project was to
 19 assist in explosives demolition permit, period.

20 Q Sir, that is not my question. My question is
 21 --

22 A That's, again, I -- I -- I don't know. I do
 23 not -- I do not know.

24 Q Let me finish my question, sir. My question
 25 is a yes-or-no question, and I will ask my question, and

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1 demolition contractor.

2 Q Okay. And I understand that it's part of
 3 every project. My question is very specific. Would you
 4 agree with me that MCM must take dust mitigation
 5 measures when they are the contractor handing --
 6 handling the demolition of a chimney? Yes or no?

7 MR. DEVRIES: MCM objects to the form.

8 Foundation, calls for speculation.

9 MR. RICE: CDI joins.

10 MR. DRISCOLL: Did we get an answer, Lindsay?

11 A No, I didn't -- no, I didn't answer. Yes,
 12 I'll answer the question yes.

13 BY MR. DRISCOLL:

14 Q All right. So with your 27 years of
 15 experience in the industry, and your review of your
 16 contract -- I'll strike that. With your 27 years in the
 17 industry, in your review of CDI's contract with MCM, is
 18 it your understanding that MCM had responsibility for
 19 dust mitigation? Yes or no?

20 A Yes.

21 Q All right. And was it your understanding that
 22 Hilco was the primary entity responsible for obtaining
 23 the permits for the demolition of the chimney?

24 MR. SMITH: Objection. Form. Foundation.

25 Michael Smith for Hilco.

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1 you can answer. And if you can't answer it, then you
 2 can state for the record why you can't, all right? I'm
 3 the one asking the questions in this, just like counsel
 4 before me. Is it your testimony here under oath, as an
 5 implosion expert who has done work in the City of
 6 Chicago, that the person who obtains the permit does not
 7 need to have a dust mitigation plan in place? Is that
 8 your short testimony under oath for a implosion expert
 9 that does work in Cook County, yes or no?

10 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith, Hilco, objection.

11 Form. Foundation.

12 MR. DEVRIES: MCM will join.

13 MR. RICE: CDI joins.

14 A I'll ask one more question. Which permit are
 15 you referring to?

16 BY MR. DRISCOLL:

17 Q Well, which permit had to do with the
 18 implosion of the chimney? The one you were working on?

19 A The blasting permit.

20 Q All right. So if there is a blasting permit
 21 that may create dust that may escape the construction
 22 site, is it your testimony under oath, for someone who
 23 does work in Chicago, that the person who obtains the
 24 permit does not need to have a dust mitigation program?
 25 Yes or no?

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1 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith, Hilco, objection.
 2 Form. Foundation.
 3 MR. DEVRIES: MCM will join.
 4 MR. RICE: CDI joins.
 5 BY MR. DRISCOLL:

6 Q You can answer.
 7 A No, it is not applicable to CDI's permit.
 8 Q I didn't ask about CDI's permit.
 9 A Then ask me --
 10 Q In your 27 years in the experience, who do you believe was responsible for the dust mitigation services for this project?
 11 A MCM.
 12 Q Who is responsible for Community Outreach?
 13 A Community Outreach is -- it's no one's responsibility. It's a joint effort. There's no --
 14 Q All right.
 15 A There's no regulations regarding Community Outreach.
 16 Q Well, that wasn't my question. I asked for this construction project, who did you understand was responsible for Community Outreach?
 17 A Hilco.
 18 Q Would you agree with me that the most common methods for controlling demolition dust are surface

1 been running, at least in time proximity to the point of
 2 implosion?

3 A No.
 4 MR. RICE: Sorry to object, but asked and answered, but go ahead, Ray.

5 Q Okay. And can you give me a -- I don't know, where were you actually located on the job site at the time of implosion?

6 A I was at the command post.

7 Q Okay. Just bear with me a second. I -- I've got a lot of notes here, and since we were kind of jumping around, I'm trying to avoid the objections that your counsel is making. So just give me a second. Who specifically directed you not to be involved in the permitting process?

8 A Hilco. Nick from --

9 Q Who at Hilco?

10 A Nick.

11 Q And how -- on how many occasions -- well, was it in-person or was it solely via e-mail?

12 A In-person.

13 Q Okay. And what did he specifically say to you?

14 A I can't remember word for word, but basically it was that he was going to handle all the permitting.

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1 wetting and airborne capture?
 2 A Yes.
 3 Q Would you agree with me that with surface suppression, the goal is to prevent dust problems by wetting the source before particles can become airborne?
 4 A Partially, yes. It -- as respects the -- the soil, dust generated from soil on the ground, yes.
 5 Q Did you actually see the saturation of the construction site prior to the implosion?
 6 A I was on-site -- go ahead.
 7 MR. RICE: Objection to asked and answer, but go ahead, Ray.
 8 Q And I appreciate that Andrew. I'm not trying to be difficult. I don't think -- I'm going to ask you where you were, and how long you're on the job site, but I don't know if it was actually answered. So did you actually see any of the wetting of the actual construction site prior to the implosion?
 9 A Yes, I did.
 10 Q Okay. And what was the method that you observed being utilized?
 11 A MCM had the water trucks running and they had the DustBosses set up.
 12 Q Okay. Do you know how long those trucks had

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1 Q Did that surprise you?
 2 A No, honestly it did not.
 3 Q On how many projects in Chicago had CDI been involved in where they were not actively participating in the permit process?

4 A I can't answer that. I wasn't involved in every project in Chicago. In the two previous jobs in Chicago I was there for -- for help. I wasn't part of management.

5 Q If I wanted to direct a specific request to CDI to determine how many projects that they were involved in Chicago, in let's say the last ten years prior to this incident, is those records that are usually kept by CDI to the best of your knowledge and understanding?

6 A Yes, we would have those records.

7 Q In the two prior incidents, I know that it was handled by someone else, and you were there for assisting, but were -- was CDI involved in the permit process during that time, on those two projects?

8 A I -- I can't answer that. I'm -- I'm -- I will assume yes.

9 Q Okay. Based on your understanding and experience working at CDI, you believe on the two other projects that CDI was involved in the permitting

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 178</p> <p>1 process, fair?</p> <p>2 A Fair.</p> <p>3 Q Now, the exclusion zone that was discussed</p> <p>4 before, you were the original person who created that</p> <p>5 document, correct?</p> <p>6 A Correct.</p> <p>7 Q And you had then tendered that document to the</p> <p>8 other contractors on the site, including MCM as well as</p> <p>9 Hilco, true?</p> <p>10 A Yeah. Transmitted to MCM.</p> <p>11 Q And you then became aware that MCM had</p> <p>12 transmitted that document to Hilco, correct?</p> <p>13 A Yes.</p> <p>14 Q And you became aware that that document was</p> <p>15 being disseminated into the community, true?</p> <p>16 A Yes. After they requested we take our name</p> <p>17 off of it.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. So after they made the request, you</p> <p>19 understood that a document that you had been -- that you</p> <p>20 had created was being utilized and disseminated out into</p> <p>21 the community, true?</p> <p>22 A Yes, it's my understanding.</p> <p>23 Q Did you take any objection to Hilco</p> <p>24 disseminating your work product into the community?</p> <p>25 A No.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 180</p> <p>1 I want to know what your understanding was of why the</p> <p>2 document you created for the exclusion zone was being</p> <p>3 disseminated into a community in the Chicagoland area</p> <p>4 that was immediately adjacent to a property where you</p> <p>5 were imploding a chimney.</p> <p>6 A So Hilco could make the community aware of</p> <p>7 what road closures might be enforced, and timeline of</p> <p>8 events.</p> <p>9 Q Was it your understanding that there was a</p> <p>10 probability that there may be dust migration from the</p> <p>11 construction site after your implosion into the</p> <p>12 neighborhood? Yes or no?</p> <p>13 A It could happen, yes.</p> <p>14 Q All right. So when you allowed Hilco to use</p> <p>15 your exclusion zone plan, you knew at that time that due</p> <p>16 to the implosion that you were conducting, that there</p> <p>17 may be dust migration into the neighborhood, true?</p> <p>18 A Partly, yes.</p> <p>19 Q All right. And is it your testimony here</p> <p>20 today that there was no obligation on your behalf to do</p> <p>21 any dust mitigation?</p> <p>22 A Yes. Contractually, it was outside of our</p> <p>23 scope of work.</p> <p>24 Q Would you agree with me that the chimney was</p> <p>25 being taken down as part of a larger project to improve</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 179</p> <p>1 Q Did you ask why they were disseminating the</p> <p>2 work product into the community?</p> <p>3 MR. SMITH: Objection. Foundation. Michael</p> <p>4 Smith for Hilco.</p> <p>5 Q Well, here, I want to know, did you yourself</p> <p>6 ever object to say, "Hilco, no, my document, which</p> <p>7 identifies the exclusion zone, I don't want you</p> <p>8 disseminating that into the community"? Did you do</p> <p>9 that? Yes or no?</p> <p>10 A No.</p> <p>11 Q Why not?</p> <p>12 A Because it was -- it showed the exclusion zone</p> <p>13 and the road closures.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. Well, what was your understanding of</p> <p>15 why they were disseminating it into the Little Village</p> <p>16 neighborhood?</p> <p>17 MR. RICE: Objection. Calls for speculation.</p> <p>18 MR. DRISCOLL: I'm asking what his</p> <p>19 understanding is.</p> <p>20 MR. SMITH: Hilco joins the objection.</p> <p>21 BY MR. DRISCOLL:</p> <p>22 Q I'm very particular about my question. I want</p> <p>23 to know what your understanding was --</p> <p>24 A I know, I'll answer you.</p> <p>25 Q -- why -- let me get the question out again.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 181</p> <p>1 the property for a development?</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q You would agree with me that this was an</p> <p>4 active construction site?</p> <p>5 A Yes.</p> <p>6 Q All right. Give me one last second here. I</p> <p>7 think I'm almost done. Have you had any specific</p> <p>8 conversations with Mark where he felt that MCM did not</p> <p>9 do the proper job in dust mitigation?</p> <p>10 A Mark Loizeaux?</p> <p>11 Q Yeah.</p> <p>12 A Not that I recall, no.</p> <p>13 Q Did you have any concerns about Hilco handling</p> <p>14 the permit process with the City of Chicago regarding</p> <p>15 this project?</p> <p>16 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith, Hilco. Object to</p> <p>17 form.</p> <p>18 A No, I -- no, I did not.</p> <p>19 Q Why did you not have any concern with Hilco</p> <p>20 handling the permit process?</p> <p>21 A Because of the way Nick involved everyone in</p> <p>22 the permitting process. He was very thorough. I</p> <p>23 thought he did a very good job, and I didn't feel CDI's</p> <p>24 interests were not being served.</p> <p>25 Q So you felt that CDI's interests were being</p>

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1 served by Hilco during the permit process, true?

2 A Yeah.

3 Q Did you think that the community's interests
4 were being served during the permit process?

5 A The community and the permit don't have any
6 correlation.

7 Q Okay. So it's your testimony, after 27 -- 27
8 years of experience, that when they're blasting a
9 chimney that may cause dust migration, that the
10 community has no interest during the permit process and
11 their interest should not be considered? That's your
12 testimony here today, true?

13 A True.

14 Q Why did Mark want the City of Chicago and its
15 agency to know that your client, MCM, and Hilco, the
16 property on notice, that Hilco as assuming the
17 responsibility for getting the permit?

18 A Just --

19 MR. SMITH: Michael Smith, Hilco. Object to
20 foundation.

21 A Just --

22 Q You can answer.

23 A Just to make sure that nothing was missed that
24 would put CDI in harm's way.

25 Q Okay. Well, describe for me in detail what

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1 you did to make sure that CDI was not put in harm's way
2 during the implosion of the smokestack.

3 A That's kind of vague question. I'm not really
4 sure what you're asking.

5 Q Well, you just said you wanted all the --
6 CDI's interests. How were CDI's interests protected by
7 Hilco and the MCM during the permit process until the
8 date of the implosion?

9 A Just to make sure that nothing was said out of
10 turn, you know, specifically as it relates to explosives
11 handling and operations.

12 Q Do you think that the dust cloud that went
13 over the Little Village neighborhood was an appropriate
14 amount of dust after the implosion to leave the
15 exclusion zone and go into neighborhood?

16 MR. RICE: Object to the term "appropriate,"
17 but go ahead, Ray, if you understand.

18 A Well --

19 Q Ray, do you know what the word "appropriate"
20 means?

21 A Yeah. I'll answer your question. It was --
22 again, I -- it -- this question was asked before. It
23 wasn't more than expected and it wasn't less than
24 expected.

25 Q So you --

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1 A So I'm -- the same amount of dust that you
2 would expect from something nearly 400 feet tall.
3 Q So it's your testimony here that the Little
4 Village neighborhood was covered in the appropriate
5 amount of dust after an implosion performed by CDI,
6 true?

7 A That's --

8 MR. DEVRIES: Same objection to the form of the
9 question and that it misstates his testimony.

10 MR. RICE: CDI joins.

11 BY MR. DRISCOLL:

12 Q You can answer.

13 MR. SMITH: Hilco joins.

14 A My answer is no.

15 MR. DRISCOLL: All right. I have no further
16 questions. Ray, you have a good one. It was nice
17 meeting you, okay?

18 THE WITNESS: Take care. Thank you.

19 MR. RICE: Anybody else have some questions for
20 Mr. Zukowski? Hearing none, I guess we're done for
21 today; is that accurate? Anybody have any questions
22 for him?

23 MS. COTTER: I don't.

24 MR. RICE: Okay.

25 MR. DEVRIES: MCM does not.

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1 MR. SMITH: None for Hilco.

2 MR. LYMAN: None for Marine Technology
3 Solutions.

4 MR. OLSEN: This is Ed Olsen. No questions.

5 MR. RICE: I'm sure the Strellis firm
6 responded, but I guess I didn't catch that.

7 MS. COTTER: Yeah. No further questions from
8 the Strellis firm.

9 MR. RICE: All right. Then I think we're done,
10 Ray.

11 COURT REPORTER: Before we get going, I do have
12 -- Mr. Zukowski, did you want to read or waive
13 today? So you have the ability to read the
14 transcript, to review the transcript for any
15 inaccuracies. So did you want to read, or did you
16 want to go ahead and waive on that today?

17 THE WITNESS: Read it, like, right now?

18 COURT REPORTER: Oh, no.

19 THE WITNESS: I'll defer to Andrew on this.

20 MR. RICE: Reserve signature. We'll have
21 Mr. Zukowski review it.

22 COURT REPORTER: Okay. And then let's go ahead
23 and get orders while we're still on record. That
24 read and sign, are we sending that to you, Mr. Rice?

25 MR. RICE: That's fine. Yes, you can send it

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 186</p> <p>1 to me.</p> <p>2 COURT REPORTER: Okay. And then, Ms. Hamilton,</p> <p>3 how would you like a copy of the transcript today?</p> <p>4 MS. HAMILTON: I don't think we're going to</p> <p>5 order at this time, actually.</p> <p>6 COURT REPORTER: Okay. What about the video?</p> <p>7 Same for the video?</p> <p>8 MS. HAMILTON: Yep. Same for the video.</p> <p>9 COURT REPORTER: Okay. Mr. DeVries, transcript</p> <p>10 and/or video today?</p> <p>11 MR. DEVRIES: No video certainly. I'll take a</p> <p>12 copy if it's going to be written up.</p> <p>13 COURT REPORTER: Uh-huh. All right. And then</p> <p>14 let's see. Mr. Smith, would you like a copy of the</p> <p>15 transcript and/or video today?</p> <p>16 MR. SMITH: If we have a standing order, if my</p> <p>17 firm as a standing order, let's do that.</p> <p>18 COURT REPORTER: Okay.</p> <p>19 MR. SMITH: So yeah, let's do that. And if</p> <p>20 not, you can get in touch with me, and we'll figure</p> <p>21 it out.</p> <p>22 COURT REPORTER: Yeah. All right. Mr. Rice,</p> <p>23 would you like a copy of the transcript and/or video</p> <p>24 today?</p> <p>25 MR. RICE: Just the transcript. E-tran is</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 188</p> <p>1 do just have one spelling, but let me go ahead and</p> <p>2 hop us off the record real quick. All right. This</p> <p>3 concludes the deposition of Ray Zukowski on February</p> <p>4 6, 2023. The current time is 4:08 p.m. Central</p> <p>5 Standard Time [sic].</p> <p>6 (DEPOSITION CONCLUDED AT 4:08 P.M. (ET))</p> <p>7</p> <p>8</p> <p>9</p> <p>10</p> <p>11</p> <p>12</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 187</p> <p>1 fine. No video.</p> <p>2 COURT REPORTER: Okay. All right. Is</p> <p>3 Mr. Lyman still on the call?</p> <p>4 MR. LYMAN: Yes, I am, Lindsay. Neither for</p> <p>5 me. Thank you.</p> <p>6 COURT REPORTER: Okay. Mr. -- so it looks like</p> <p>7 Mr. Beribak hopped off. Mr. Olsen, do you know if</p> <p>8 your firm -- if you-all would like to order a</p> <p>9 transcript and/or video today?</p> <p>10 MR. OLSEN: Definitely not the video. I'll ask</p> <p>11 John to do any ordering because I just kind of</p> <p>12 jumped on here on this.</p> <p>13 COURT REPORTER: Okay.</p> <p>14 MR. OLSEN: I appreciate it. Thank you.</p> <p>15 COURT REPORTER: And then anybody from Strellis</p> <p>16 firm --</p> <p>17 MS. COTTER: Yes.</p> <p>18 COURT REPORTER: -- are we ordering a copy of</p> <p>19 the transcript and/or video?</p> <p>20 MS. COTTER: We'll take a copy of -- a PDF copy</p> <p>21 of the transcript, please, not the video.</p> <p>22 COURT REPORTER: Okay. And then I -- is</p> <p>23 Mr. Driscoll still on? Mr. Driscoll, are you still</p> <p>24 there? Okay. I'll just reach out to him via</p> <p>25 e-mail. That is all I have for on-record stuff. I</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 189</p> <p>1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER</p> <p>2 STATE OF ILLINOIS</p> <p>3</p> <p>4 I do hereby certify that the witness in the foregoing</p> <p>5 transcript was taken on the date, and at the time and</p> <p>6 place set out on the Title page here of by me after</p> <p>7 first being duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole</p> <p>8 truth, and nothing but the truth; and that the said</p> <p>9 matter was recorded digitally by me and then reduced to</p> <p>10 type written form under my direction, and constitutes a</p> <p>11 true record of the transcript as taken, all to the best</p> <p>12 of my skill and ability. I certify that I am not a</p> <p>13 relative or employee of either counsel, and that I am in</p> <p>14 no way interested financially, directly or indirectly,</p> <p>15 in this action.</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22 LINDSAY LARSON-TODD,</p> <p>23 COURT REPORTER / NOTARY</p> <p>24 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES ON: 11/01/2023</p> <p>25 SUBMITTED ON: 02/14/2023</p>